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BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS

ONE PEOPLE, PALAWAN STYLE We give back to God all that He has given us, Joel Reyes, Palawan governor, explains the reason behind the ongoing "Baragatan" festival. It derives from the Cuyono word "bagat," from Coyo, a small island in northern Palawan, the provincial capital during the Spanish era. It means to come together. One people converging in gratitude as they celebrate the 106th anniversary of their civil government until June 23.

# Ces is OK, mayor reports

## Negotiator says TV reporter sounded happy on phone

By Julie S. Alipala, Inquirer Mindanao

ZAMBOANGA CITY—A DAY AFTER HER ASSISTANT CAMERAMAN was freed, ABS-CBN reporter Ces Drilon appears to have "relaxed" a bit and even managed a laugh in her phone conversation with a negotiator early yesterday.

Drilon, cameraman Jimmy Encomienda and Mindanao State University Prof. Octavio Dinampo remain captive exactly a week after they were kidnapped along with Angelo Valderama by armed men in the town of Malabang in Sulu.

Valderama was released on Thursday night and taken to Zamboanga City on Friday.

The negotiator, Mahanum Mayor Al-nasser Ismail, yesterday said that while Drilon's laugh sounded sarcastic, it was still a good sign.

"She sounded happy," the mayor said, adding that in the past days, "whenever I received a call from her through her captors, she sounded so worried, very tense, and sometimes she cried."

He said he had been talking with Drilon since June 10, with each phone call lasting for about 10 minutes.

CES DRILON A4

## Sightless climber checks out Montalban

By Volt Contreras

DON'T THINK THE CRAGGY heights of Montalban were any less of a challenge to American adventurer Erik Weihenmayer, the former schoolteacher and author who was a recent visitor here to deliver his inspirational message to Procter & Gamble employees and a group of blind children and their parents.

He is the first and only blind person to conquer the world's highest mountain and the so-called Seven Summits, the tallest peaks in each of the seven continents.

Last week, the 39-year-old Weihenmayer decided to check out the local terrain and, with a group of climbers joining him on a two-day trek, scaled a total of 12 rock faces and boulders around Wawa Dam in Montalban (now Rodriguez), Rizal.

Dawn was still breaking last Thursday when Weihenmayer, along with fellow American climber Charley Mace, Procter & Gamble Phils. president James Lafferty and several Filipino mountaineers and journalists, headed for the hills of Montalban, about an hour's drive to the east of the city.

SIGHTLESS A6

## My father and the holy rosary

By Ranelo O. Pante
Inquirer Southern Luzon

SAN PABLO CITY—WHEN MR. Bienvenido Tesoro, married my mother, Francisca, 53 years ago, the first thing they did during their honeymoon was to pray the rosary.

And each time my parents made love, it was always preceded by praying the rosary, according to my mother, who will turn 80 on Oct. 9.

The practice of reciting the rosary had always been the initiative of my father, who took it as a duty before having marital intimacy, my mother further revealed.

My parents were married on April

BY MYSTERIES A10

NOT FOR MOTHERS ONLY In 1991 while listening to a Mother's Day sermon, Socorro Smart Diokno was inspired to set aside a special day for her father. So, fathers take a bow, too.

## Your 25 centavos can go a long way

By Kristine L. Alave

HOW FAR WILL 25 CENTAVOS GO?

According to the archdiocese of Manila...It can go an amazing distance.

After four years of collecting 25-centavo coins from parishioners, the Procla ng Pinoy, the archdiocese's fund-raising project, has collected

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## Pinoy prodigy to play at NY's Carnegie Hall

By Darlinette Nibungco Jr., MD
Contributor

AT THE TENDER AGE OF 12, my son will play violin and cello in a classical music concert at the Carnegie Hall in New York City on Father's Day.

Jonathon "Jonah" Bernabe Nibungco is the youngest performer in the Central Florida Youth Orchestra (CFYO) scheduled to play at the famed concert venue in midtown Manhattan. His talents are a shining example of Filipino-American achievements that deserve the recognition not only of Filipinos but also of other people all over the world.

A talent in music runs in Jonah's pure Filipino roots. His maternal grandfather, who owned a Stradivarius, played violin well. His twin sisters, Sophia and Felicia, began playing piano at about the age he started playing violin.

His great grandmother on my side was known to have sung in the zarzuela, and his paternal grandfather was a lawyer in the Philippines.

I was a physician in training at the Philippine General Hospital before I migrated to the United States in July 1979. I pursued further training in New York, where I met the woman who became my wife.

Elizabeth Bernabe Nibungco, a registered nurse, was a high school junior at the Malate Catholic School when she and her family migrated to New York in August 1975.

When Jonah was an infant, his mother noted his keen sense of hearing for music. He hated noise at an early age.

This was hardly surprising

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## Inquirer still No. 1 by bigger margin, says Nielsen survey

THE PHILIPPINE DAILY INquirer generated the largest readership among Filipino broadsheet readers nationwide, according to the latest survey conducted by Nielsen Media Research.

The Inquirer captured 63 percent of broadsheet readership in the country's key cities, according to the Nielsen Media Index 2008 Q1. The Manila Bulletin and Philippine Star both got 44 percent.

This translates to an estimated 1.256 million readers for the Inquirer, 1.051 million for the Star and 1.046 million for Bulletin nationwide.

Yesterday, Inquirer president and CEO Alexandra Prieto-Romualdez thanked the readers "for making us still No. 1."

"We are overjoyed about the news that this year's Nielsen survey shows we have an even bigger lead than last year—our biggest ever, thanks to our readers," Romualdez said.

The latest findings demonstrated the widening gap between the Inquirer and its nearest

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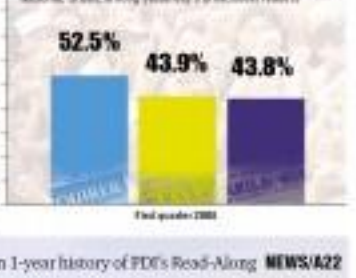


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SUNDAY INQUIRER MAGAZINE

**WEATHER FORECAST**

FORECAST: The entire country will have partly cloudy to at times cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers or thunderstorms mostly in the afternoon or evening.

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# Doles to continue while funds last

## GMA execs say rice, power, fuel subsidies concrete forms of aide

By Michael Lim Ubac

THE POLICY OF PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-Arroyo to subsidize rice, power and soon, fuel, will continue as long as there are funds in the national coffers, Malacañang said yesterday.

In an interview over radio dzRB, Secretary Cerge Remonde and Presidential Management Staff and Social Sibling Secretary Esperanza Cabral defended the arroyo administration's dole policy in response to the soaring food and fuel prices.

Remonde and Cabral said subsidies were not a waste of taxpayer money as they were concrete assistance to the poor and budgetary allowances would not be slashed because of them.

To mitigate the impact of the rising prices of food, power and fuel, the government is rolling cheap rice and has earmarked P2 billion for a power subsidy program for electricity "lifeline" users. This means P500 for those consuming 100 kilowatt hours or less a month. The government will also distribute a maximum of P1,400 in cash stipends per poor family under the P5-billion Ahon Pamilyang Pilipino program.

The government is also drawing up the mechanisms for fuel discounts to be given to operators and drivers of public utility vehicles to mull transport fare increases.

"Of course we cannot satisfy everybody, because we have limited resources, we can't access modern revenues. But the fact that the government is doing this, the fact that the President is doing this, is a very concrete manifestation of the government's effort to somehow ease the (suffering) of the needy," said Remonde.

### Welcome relief

He welcomed news that oil prices went down in the world market to $134 dollars because "any movements in the prices, whether up or down, will have an effect on us, so of course it's a continuing relief. But the price going down is very welcome relief to all of us," he said.

Remonde said the government was pursuing the "speed for alternative energy sources and also generating our own energy resources." President oil production is taking field off the waters of Palawan and oil exploration by Exxon-Mobil in the Sulu Sea.

"Let's all pray that we will find more oil here in the Philippines so our dependence on imported crude and imported oil will be minimized, and therefore we can alleviate the condition of our people," he said.

Cabral said that state-owned Landbank had enough money to handroll the P500 power subsidy.

"This is a one-time subsidy. There were other programs to subsidize the impact (of fuel price hikes), but not of power. As long as there are people who have yet to claim their subsidy, the Landbank will be open for them," said Cabral.

### Posture can't be changed

She said rice sold at government outlets for P18.25 will be pulled off the market soon after the government completes the distribution of family access cards.

"But the program has not started yet, so consumers can still buy the P18.25 (rice) in the market," she said.

To critics of the subsidy programs, she said:

"We don't want to change the system in the middle of the game. Tell us the problem and we'll find solutions."

# Rallies set vs VAT on oil, power

By Jerome Aning

THE LEFTIST GROUP BAGONG Alyansang Makabayan has announced it will launch rallies and other forms of mass actions to press the Arroyo administration to remove the value-added tax (VAT) on oil and power.

"The more she (President Macapagal-Arroyo) ignores the clamor to remove the VAT, the more the pressure will escalate. Rising oil prices are now a volatile political issue. The question being raised is government's ability to protect the public from rising prices," Bayan secretary general Renato Reyes Jr. said yesterday in a statement.

Citing studies by the anti-VAT coalition, "Kontra-Indirect," Reyes said that the Arroyo administration pocketed its additional tax take of P6.3 billion daily from every price increases in oil prices.

"A P1.50 per liter increase may bring the amount to more than P7 billion in estimated additional duty revenues from the VAT. This amount is being shouldered by the consumers," Reyes said.

He said that removing the VAT would translate to savings of about P150 a day for jeepney drivers, P33 a day for tricycle drivers, P33 a day for fisherfolk and savings of P66 per tank for cooking gas users.

"These benefits are much better than any token subsidy from the government," he said.

He added, "There have been studies saying that as much as 60 percent of world oil prices comes from price speculation alone. Investments has a duty to protect its consumers from such an exploitative scheme. Government should not allow the big oil companies to merrily pass on the alleged under-recoveries. Manipulating and the deregulated regime are conditions being exploited by price speculators."

Members of Bayan and Kilusang Mayo Uno (KMU) blocked passing oil workers in their protest action at the Welcome Rotonda in Quezon City yesterday.

# Militants oppose oil exploration by US company in Sulu Sea

By Jerome Aning

A MILITANT FISHERFOLK ALLIANCE yesterday vowed to oppose the government's plan to let the American oil firm ExxonMobil drill for oil in the Sulu Sea.

The Pambansang Lakas ng Kilusang Mamamalayan ng Pilipinas said to opposition to ExxonMobil's $114-million oil exploration plan, expected to start by the middle of next year, will be "one of the biggest battles of Filipino fisherfolk in the very near future."

"We will fight this unconstitutional plunder courtesy of President Macapagal-Arroyo's first-rate puppetry to US interests," Pamalakaya national chair Fernando Hicap said in a press statement.

The group said it was apprehensive of the project's impact on the livelihoods of fishing communities in Palawan, Western Visayas, Zamboanga peninsula and Sulu archipelago.

The Sulu Sea, in the southwestern Philippines, connects the South China Sea and the Celebes Sea, and is considered to be on the route of rums and other schools of fish leaving or going to the Pacific Ocean.

### Preview of agreement

Hicap claimed that the approval of the ExxonMobil exploration deal was "just a preview of the forthcoming RP-US Free Trade Agreement, which Malacañang will offer to the White House" in time for Ms Arroyo's state visit in the third week of June.

The country should expect more "crimes of treason and self-sell" in line with Ms Arroyo's trip, Hicap added.

Energy Secretary Angelo Reyes, after his meeting with ExxonMobil officials last week, announced that the Texas-based US oil and gas producer "would be able to strike oil in the Sulu Sea."

Reyes said ExxonMobil, a major world player, would not go to a country where the potential is not great. US oil firm officials in Malacañang last week said they were optimistic that the Sulu Sea would yield oil in commercial quantities.

Hicap said Pamalakaya would build on its recent experience in opposing oil and gas exploration in the Tañon Strait between Cebu and Negros.

"We defeated Japan in that battle, we will prepare for protracted battle against ExxonMobil," Hicap said, recalling the Pamalakaya-led protests in cooperation with nongovernment environmental organizations, academic groups and legal experts that compelled Japan's Petroleum Exploration Co. Ltd. (Japex) and its local subsidiary Japex Philippines to give up its oil drum mining activities in Tañon.

### No oil and gas in sight

Japex's mother company decided to relinquish its exploration contract on June 20, 2006, saying there was no promise of oil and gas in the concerned area.

"But while Pamalakaya is happy to send Japex out of Tañon, we have some scores to settle with Malacañang for the economic and environmental havoc they created there," Hicap said.

Aside from ExxonMobil, Pamalakaya said Australian mining firm KenAsia and also reportedly set to conduct oil explorations in the Cebu-Bohol Strait, while British-owned Premium Oil will also launch offshore explorations in the Ragay Gulf of Camarines Sur, Camarines Norte and Quezon.

There are other Aseroga fields already running for oil and natural gas off Palawan that fishing communities oppose, Hicap added.

Pamalakaya said that the most ambitious oil and gas exploration plan they have heard of is an RP-China offshore mining venture in the disputed Spratly Islands that will include portions of Palawan province.

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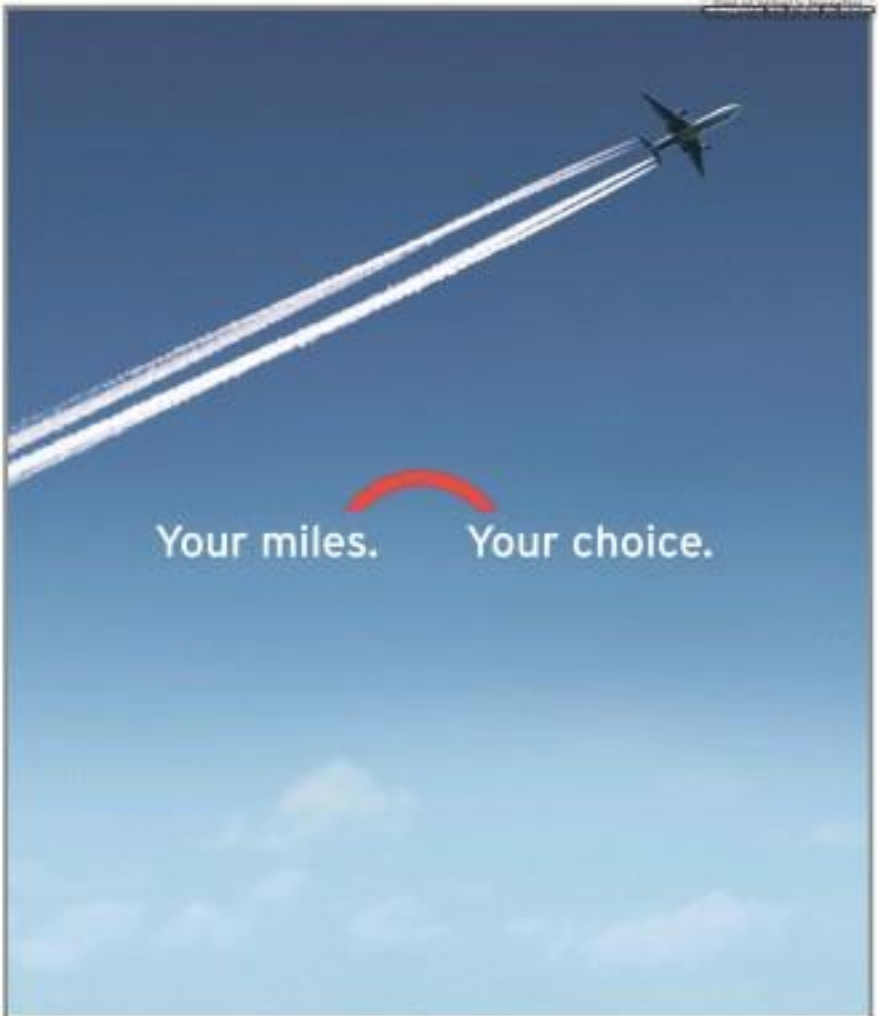


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# Fuel prices up P1.50/liter, LPG by P1/kg yet again

By Russel W. Dizon@gn

OIL FIRMS RAISED PRICES OF GASOLINE, diesel and kerosene by P1.50 a liter and of cooking gas by P1 a kilogram yesterday, citing yet another surge in crude oil prices.

The latest price increase was the 14th this year and the fourth straight week of oil increases at the seasoned interval.

Data from the Department of Energy showed the hike at the pumps brought the average price of unleaded gasoline to P56.28 a liter and of diesel to P49.84, including the 12-percent value-added tax (VAT).

But LPG refilling of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) now costs between P613 and P661.

Effective price rises were Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp. at 12:01 a.m. yesterday; Unioil Petroleum Corp., Total Philippines, Petrogreen Fuels Corp., Chevron Philippines Inc. and Total (Philippines) Corp. at 6 a.m.

## Higher than May

According to Petron, the regional benchmark price of Dubai crude averaged $124.27 a barrel in the first two weeks of June or $4.77 higher than the May average of $119.50.

The average price of Dubai crude in May, meanwhile, was $16 higher than the April average of $103.41.

As for LPG, Petron noted prices for Asia increased by $55 to $967.50 per ton.

DOE data also showed that June 1-13 prices of gasoline listed on the Mean of Platts Singapore (MOPS) had increased by about $7 per barrel and of diesel by $6 per barrel compared to the previous levels in the same period of May.

## Biggest price jump

In its latest price monitoring report, the DOE noted that all three benchmark crude prices—including those in New York and London—"posted peak levels even within the first two trading weeks of the month."

"The first oil price had their biggest price jump on record last (June 6), soaring by $13.16 to a new record above $139 per barrel," the agency said.

The DOE added that such an unprecedented one-day gain is light sweet crude was due primarily to two factors: A sharp depreciation of the dollar against the euro and "robust recommitment by a major Israeli investment bank to attack to Iran's nuclear sites looked "unavoidable."

## Saudis ready to provide

The modest reacted simultaneously since Iran is the second largest oil producer within the Open cartel, and such actions relative to its exports could push prices higher, the agency explained.

On the other hand, the DOE noted that Saudi Arabia—the largest producer in Opec—has notified all oil companies with which it does business, as well as consultant customers, of its readiness to provide them with any additional quantities of oil they need.

# Air Force feeling pinch of high aviation gas price

By Tara Quimondo

IT COSTS ROUGHLY P56,000 MORE TO fly a C-130 airplane to Zamboanga from Manila nowadays, and the Philippine Air Force is feeling the pinch.

To cope with the surge in fuel prices, the PAF needs P133 million more in its budget to keep its planes flying and transport vehicles running until the end of the year, command officials said last week.

Soaring fuel costs are expected to raise the PAF's gasoline bill to close to P1 billion by the end of 2008 with the price of oil at $135 and increasing by P6 per liter from P51.50 at the end of 2007 to the current P57.50, and regular gasoline by P11 more (money) beyond the P50 mark.

## Budget short

A two-hour flight of a PAF C-130 cargo plane now costs P200,000, up from P120,000 last year.

The PAF had allocated P614.73 million for fuel for 28,277 flying hours. But with the extra expenditure because of the fuel price rise, the flights included more than 18,000 flying hours dedicated to the government's anti-insurgency campaign, PAF figures showed.

"If we ask for an additional budget, the government is always ready ... because our responsibilities for the cost for the programmed flying hours was based on the old price [of aviation fuel]. With the increase price increase, we can afford less to [flew," said Air Force chief Lt. Gen. Pedrito Cadungog.

The PAF's logistics office is set to be ready next week an addition to its budget from the Armed forces of the Philippines headquarters soon, said PAF information chief Maj. Cynthia Estrada-A.

## Keep ISO unaffected

The additional P110 million is broken down into P75 million for fuel for ground vehicles and P35 million for aviation gas, Zamudio said.

"We are requesting an additional budget for fuel because we don't want to affect our ISO [internal security operations] campaigns. We know that the PAF is vital in this [mission]," Zamudio said during inquiries.

In the first five months of the year, the PAF used up P371.1 million of its aviation gas fund, or close to 45 percent of its P825 million budget. The PAF gets its aviation fuel ground fuel from just one source.

## Aiming to beat Barr

"That's why during a recent presentation at the defense department, we presented the price escalations of fuel as a major concern in 2008. That'll be a headache for us," said Cadungog.

Inputs in global fuel prices come at a time the PAF is aiming to boost its modernized fleet of aging planes, among them, Vietnam-era era UH-1H helicopters, refurbished C-130s and subsonic assault aircraft.

# Costly gas forces airline to end RP-Marianas run

AGANA—CONTINENTAL AIRLINES said Friday it would suspend the only flights direct by linking the US-administered Northern Marianas Islands to the Philippines because of soaring jet fuel costs.

The exit of US-based Continental Airlines said the flights would end a week return flight would end on July 16 and is plans to lay off hundreds of employees at its Guam hub and several Pacific islands.

The airline will also suspend flights from Guam to Hong Kong by July and to Seoul in October.

## Hurt tourism

The decision to stop flying between Saipan and Manila will affect thousands of Filipino workers in the Northern Marianas and hurt tourism in the islands, already suffering the effects of Japan visitors' decision to cut scheduled flights from Tokyo to Saipan.

Northern Marianas Gov. Benigno R. Fitial said Continental's decision was another major blow to the tourism-dependent islands.

## Lower customer demand

Continental Micronesia chief executive Mark Ernste said the skyrocketing rise in fuel costs "has affected the carpooled routes available."

"Each dollar of oil increase has an annual impact to Continental Airlines of $28 million," he said.

"While there are very difficult decisions to make, the recent fuel increases, associated with lower customer demand in these routes, led to the decision to suspend service," Ernste said in a statement. AFP

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# Governors set to bolt local officials' group over 'betrayal of trust'

By Michael Lim Ubac and Kristina L. Abaya

THE UNION OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES OF the Philippines (Ulap), the umbrella organization of all local government leagues nationwide, appears headed for trouble.

Up in arms over the election of yet another mayor as Ulap head, governors are planning to bolt the organization if the presidency is not handed back to them "for practical reasons and realities," according to Misamis Occidental Gov. Loreto Ocampos, national president of the League of Provinces of the Philippines (LPP).

"We, the governors, felt we were being betrayed because there was a betrayal of trust," Ocampos told this Inquirer by phone.

During the June 9 elections, Ulap vowed Mandaluyong Mayor Benjamin "Benhur" Abalos as its president, replacing the outgoing president, Mayor Ramon Guico of Bacoor, Pangasinan.

Guico is also the president of the League of Municipalities of the Philippines and a cousin of President Macapagal-Arroyo.

"Our governors will meet tomorrow to discuss how to break their ties with Ulap, whose primary 'mission' is to 'unite all the member-leagues and enhance its partnership with all stakeholders to ensure a genuine local and fiscal autonomy for all local government units.'

### Unified voice

Ocampos, who has been talking with the 81 governors the past days, said the meeting was called "to formally express the sentiment against Ulap and the deception of Mayor Benjamin Abalos."

"We will put forward a unified voice," he said.

The LPP also frowns on the Governors' League, had held the Ulap presidency until Guico asked for the post last year.

The vacuum was caused by the sudden resignation of Bohol Gov. Erico Aumentado as Ulap president owing to health reasons.

"We were supposed to have the Ulap election last October, but Mayor Guico requested that he become the interim president because he was aspiring for an elective position in an international body," recalled Ocampos.

As president of the LPP, Ocampos said it was but natural for him to assume the helm of Ulap.

"But I gave way (because of) a sense of cooperation, as a way to support an ally on Ulap presidency. After that, there were several postponements for the elections. The last postponement was requested by Abalos because he was traveling abroad," said Ocampos.

### Request disapproved

But when Ocampos requested that the June 9 election be postponed because he had to go back to Misamis Occidental to attend to an ailing daughter, Guico refused to approve it.

"And there what happened was they wanted to pursue the election under extraordinary circumstances because we really believe that for practical reasons and realities, the presidency of the League of Governors is supposed to be the presidency of Ulap," Ocampos said.

He said governors should be given that privilege because they were the highest elected local officials and they "own-

round [out] city and municipal mayors and barangay captains in [the] province."

"It's practical because of the flow of communication and chain of command," he said.

### 9 out of 11

Abalos defended his move to seek Ulap's leadership, saying the organization's constitution provided that all members were equal.

"The voice speaks for itself. Of all 11 votes, I got 9 votes. There was no six-seven motion and there was no objection," Abalos said.

The groups representing the governors and the vice governors did not vote, he said.

## Ces' kidnap said raising Abu rolls

JOLO—RECRUITS ARE FLOCKING TO join Moro extremists who are holding a prominent broadcaster and her cameraman hostage in Mindanao, according to a military intelligence official.

New members were signing up with the Abu Sayyaf group in the hope that they would get some of the ransoms that might be paid for ABS-CBN television anchor Ces Drilon, her cameraman and their guide, said the official, who asked not to be identified for lack of authority to speak.

Drilon, the two cameramen and academe-turned-Jolo Governor Sakur Tan on Sunday.

One of the cameramen, Angelo Valderama, was freed on Thursday after P100,000 was reportedly paid.

Mayor Ahmea Ismah of Indanan town in Jolo said one of the organizers for the kidnapped group, said in a radio interview yesterday the kidnappers were different from previous Abu Sayyaf bands that held people for ransom.

"These are young people, maybe about 20 years old. This is a new group. This is the second generation of the Abu Sayyaf," he said.

Ismah said he had convinced the kidnappers not to separate the hostages and not to tie them up. He was also able to arrange the delivery of medicines to Olivenger, who suffers from an ulcer.

Reports say Drilon had spoken with ABS-CBN television channel bosses and told them her captors were demanding P8 million in ransom. AFP

# Your 25 centavos can go a long way

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P264 million that has landed some 80 projects nationwide.

Because of the stakes—the unbelievers really thirst, "Strike ang Kidlat," the Mollengs, an indigenous tribe in Bukidnon, Palawan, have sworn to stone white.

The funds helped buy a motorized rice mill in Bulacan, a motorized pedicab for a motorcycle community in Baliuag, Quezon and the community now has electricity.

The Pondo ng Pinoy has supported a panda bakery that sells cheap pan de sal for money by students. It has built low-cost houses and has sent poor but deserving students to school.

In his homily yesterday, Manila Archbishop Gaudencio Cardinal Rosales said the initiative, which encourages the faithful to drop 25 centavos a day in donation boxes in churches and schools, was proof of the people's love and compassion for each other.

"The Pondong Piso ay hindi lang sa mga mahihirap kundi sa lahat na rin. Ito ang nagpapakita ng pagmamahal sa kapwa," Rosales said.

He said the Pondo ng Pinoy's goal is not only to help the poor in an attempt to "greed" and a valuable reminder in this from of others.

"Dios hangos have a solution? Isa, 2 close. Isa ito sa solusyon, ramot be found in love or in man's movement. The solution was given to us by God in love.

LOVE IN A TIME OF GREED Manila Archbishop Gaudencio Rosales reports that funds continue to pour into his special fund-raising project for the poor. Pondo ng Pinoy is has received a total of P 160 million in the past four years from the compassionate contributing more centavos. But they all add up.

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Although life has become harder for Filipinos, faced with runaway food prices, rice shortages and increases in power rates, the Villa said donations to the fund continue.

"Ito lang, we have no indication of [a slowdown in donations]," she said.

## For the poor

De Villa told members of the parishes who contribute to the fund had "internalized" the values promoted by Pondo ng Pinoy.

"They have learned to save 25 centavos not for themselves but for the poor," she said.

De Villa said the money is separate from other funds collected by parish collected lots [money] compared to the last [second parish]," she added.

In the first quarter of this year, donations from schools and parishes in 37 dioceses in end reached P44.59 million. Metro Manila alone netted P1.5 million, De Villa said.

In 2006, the biggest donation was the inclusion Cook by Rizal University in Manila, which raised about P900,000. Last year, their second was surpassed by the Holy Catholic School, which gave over P1 million to the fund.

## Various projects

For the past four years, Pondo ng Pinoy granted P6.6 million to 34 health projects, P4.6 million to 29 education projects, P3.1 million to 17 livelihood/employment initiatives and P1.8 million to microfinance programs. The fund also released P4.1 million for the construction of a low-cost housing program and P5 million for scholarship programs.

De Villa said the Pondo ng Pinoy grants were small compared to government allotments, but the impact is undeniable as the unbelievers estimate that funds are used to give people access to basic needs like clean water and electricity.

"In the government, the funds reach millions...but the people are not empowered because a lot of money end up in the pockets of officials," she said.


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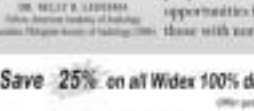

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# Sightless climber checks out Montalban

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Standing the edge of a hillside village, Bebhanmayen and his party had breakfast at a roadside eatery before setting out on the 16-minute hike to the dens.

Bebhanmayen sipped his way to the site with two walking poles and with only the sound of a grating stone told the caretaker. He needed of no assist only when the trail narrowed, drawing the team near the edge of a ravine and down a tight passage deemed risky even for goats.

## Redemption

By 7 a.m., Bebhanmayen was getting ready at the base of a rock face known to local mountaineering clubs as "Redemption." A rock face gets to be named by the first climber to have conquered it, according to Elmer Cabrenge, a member of The Mountaineering Federation of the Philippines.

Citing a grading system used by rock climbers, Cabrenge said Redemption could be a "5.10" in terms of degree of difficulty, meaning easy for the fittest veteran. Not only is it nearly vertical but also smooth for much of its height, offering very few holds for climbers to grip, save for hollows or protrusions that a climber can grab or step on, he explained.

Gun Bunza, a Filipino climber with a Mohawk haircut who was once ranked the country's No. 3 rock climber, made the daunting ascent in a matter of up to 50 ft to install a "safety line" for the other climbers.

As he groped for his end of the line and roped up, Bebhanmayen was heard asking: "Is this Manila bump?"

He revealed that legendary British mountaineer George Mallory had used Manila hemp in his expedition to reach the Everest summit in the 1920s.

To which a nine-striking Filipino climber said, "But he died, right?"

Mallory disappeared on his third attempt to reach the peak of Everest in 1924. His remains were not found until 1999.

Bebhanmayen has been justly hailed for his courage and physical stamina, but during a climb, and especially on this day, he has to trust totally in his handlers and cling to their every word. He stressed he knows the safety of level ground.

Directions from below

A man with his handicap could spend minutes at a time just massaging his fingertips over a rock surface and "feeling" for his next grip or his next foothold—and for this he often needs to have directions called out from below.

"There's a ledge near your right knee. To the left. Lower knee," were some of the instructions from Mhon that morning.

"There's one right in front of you, just above your head," said another Filipino climber.

"Hindi ko nakikita. Sobra na ako," Bebhanmayen said. He could not see a thing.

In between gasps, Bebhanmayen's ground-sighted body would either shake or grow taut from the strain.

At 15 feet and about 20 minutes into the climb, however, his fingers could no longer find a hold on a shallow crack and he slipped. He accidentally made a "pull" sound as he dropped about three feet before the safety line broke his fall.

Was it from more's folly? Was it his large fingers? Bebhanmayen may probably have to watch.

## Now, it's Heaven

But Bebhanmayen—whose rock-climbing companies include such rougher terrains on the Canadian Rockies, Mt. Rainier, and the "mountaineering" El Capitan rock wall in Yosemite National Park, California—was certainly not done for the day.

Just a few paces away from Redemption was another facet of the entire cliff, called "Heaven," which Cabrenge judged to be a considerably easier "5.9" route. Heaven is closer to vertical to Redemption, but is more jagged, thus providing more holds.

While groping for his bag and getting ready to move to Heaven, Bebhanmayen confessed briefly picking up something from the ground that made him smile.

"This is cool!" he said.

It was a coin, a small about the size of an egg. Bebhanmayen, left completely blind at age 13 by a congenital disease called retinoschisis, excitedly put his special find inside the bag.

The small true coil by Mother Nature's first someone from the Philippines gives he said his passion for climbing started in earnest in 1979, when he was 10 years old and was still sighted. He recalls having seen the American military cemetery in Fort Bonifacio and the "beautiful architecture when kids would come down and visit yourself."

"I've always wanted to go back here and maybe do some climbing, for others. Jim (the P&G president) invited me—and it's a long way from the United States—he gave me the perfect excuse," he said.

CLIMBER OF EVERY MOUNTAIN Erik Weihenmayer, standing, and only blind person to conquer Mt. Everest, installed the thrills of Montalban. Right, with local climbers during his ascension.

## Summit optimist

During the lull after Redemption, I asked Mario relief he thought of his friend's "unsuccessful" attempt.

"There were not very many holds in this route. But you know, success is about coming back home from the Himalayas, coming back to your family and to the local hut, success is about coming back with your 10 fingers and 10 toes still intact. The summit is really optional," he said.

Earlier at breakfast, Bebhanmayen said that there are people who have climbed 8th. Everest but who would not be able to do the kind of climbing that the group was about to do that day.

"I have done climbing is very difficult. I may be able to blow my way to the top of Mt. Everest but this is really climbing," he said.

Everest is mostly about endurance, "you're mostly on your feet," he explained.

## All in the cors

"You may be climbing vertical, but it's not short. But what we're doing today is all about upper body (climbing). It's all in what they call the core, your core is supporting very specific techniques," he said.

After the initial outburst of Redemption, Bebhanmayen appeared to have finally found his groove. He only needed about 15 minutes to scale Heaven at 50 ft.

Minutes later, he completed a third climb, this time up a monster boulder, also 50 ft with a 45-degree angle, in less than 10 minutes.

Interviewed after the first three climbs, Bebhanmayen said with a smile that Redemption may have proven difficult because, "You know, getting accused for the last week, speaking and hanging out, so you really have to get warmed up for those things."

## Blind faith

"But to me there's not the reason I climb. It's for success! I have to get to the top!" he, I climb because I love it and it is fun. It's problem-solver your way. Whether you get to the top or not, it's a sport and it's about having fun with your friends, you're in a beautiful place, and you're doing your best," he said.

Bebhanmayen said the team spent the night at a resort and logged in about 10 hours before packing up the next day.

According to accurate teaching the lessons, Bebhanmayen was able to complete all but two climbs.

In the end, even Montalban's challenging heights had to bow to the team who, by scaling through the darkness and deafening cold not least of the impossible, used the mountains as metaphors so that more can discover the power of blind faith.


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# Cops hunting Mark Jimenez

By Nancy C. Carvajal

POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR FORMER Manila Rep. Mark Jimenez again, this time on the request of the Ombudsman who is prosecuting the $1-million robbery and extortion case against ex-Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) Commissioner Jose Isidro N. Pareja, a police official said.

Chief Supt. Eric Javier, officer in charge of the National Capital Region Police Office, told the Inquirer he had ordered all the district directors in Metro Manila to track down the billionaire businessman.

"I have ordered all district directors to locate Mark Jimenez based on the request of the special prosecutor's office, but as of now we have not been able to locate him," Javier said.

Lyndon J. Loden, assistant prosecutor in the Ombudsman's Office, confirmed he made the request to find Jimenez to Philippine National Police Director General Arturo Lomibao.

But, "we received a reply from the director (in charge of operations) that they were not able to locate Jimenez, the complainant in the case against Pareja," Loden told the Inquirer in a telephone interview.

She said Jimenez was being sought as the main complainant in the robbery and extortion case against Pareja.

Loden refused to further discuss the case, saying, "I am not authorized to speak on the matter."

Pareja, his wife Romelia, brother-in-law Ramon Jr. Ivy and businessman Ernest Escorder were consigned last month for their alleged involvement in an attempt to extort $2 million from Jimenez in 2003.

In exchange for the cash, Pareja was alleged to have promised to ease government pressure on Jimenez to produce damaging affidavits implicating ousted President Joseph Estrada.

Jimenez has served a prison term in the United States on tax and coercion fraud charges after he was extradited to the US by the Philippine government. He has since returned to the country.

He has said he had withdrawn as the complainant in the case.

The special prosecutor's efforts to find Jimenez came after Sandiganbayan Justice Edilberto Sandoval, chair of the antigraft court's Second Division, threatened to dismiss the case due to Jimenez's absence from the proceedings.

Complainants as well as respondents in court cases are required to be physically present in arraignment proceedings.

Javier said the police had gone to all of Jimenez's known addresses in Metro Manila but failed to find him in any of them.

## THE DAILY GOSPEL

Sunday, June 11, 2006
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st Reading: Ex 19:2-6a

From Ephesus, the homeless gospel in thewilderness of God.

The Israelites camped there in front of the mountain, but Moses went up to God and God's call called to him from the mountain, saying, "This is what you are to say (and to explain to the Israelites): You have seen (also) I did to the Egyptians (and) how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now if you (indeed) (as and) keep(ers) covenant, you shall be my own possession among all the nations, for (the) whole earth is mine, but you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation."

2nd Reading: Rom 5:6-11

Brothers and sisters, Christ died for us when we were still sinners and (unable to do anything). How would it (not) be (to) his (great) power, (though), for a very good person to die? (Though) someone would (dare) to die. But (in how God) manifested his love for us: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us and we have (now) got (brought) (closer). With much more (reason) now, (since) we have been reconciled with God through the death of his Son, with much more reason now, (since) we saved through his life. (Not only that, but we) rejoice in God because of (our) Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom we have (now) received (reconciliation).

Gospel: Mt 9:36-10:8

When Jesus saw the crowds he was moved with pity, for they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the workers are few. Ask the master of the harvest to send workers to gather in his harvest."

Then he called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to heal every disease and illness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first Simon, called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew, the tax collector; James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus; Simon the Cananean and Judas Iscariot, the man who would betray him.

Jesus sent these twelve on mission with the instruction: "Go not (to) pagan territory and do not enter a Samaritan town. Go instead (to the lost sheep of the people of Israel).

"As (you) proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is (now) at hand.' (Do not, bring the) sick (to) life, cleanse the lepers, (and) drive out demons. You received (this) as a gift, so give it as (such)."

Commentary:

When Jesus heard the apostles, He desired so that the brightest and the best, believers, my collection and those of limited education and means were gathering His closest followers. He is an ideal where He invited and gave them His gifts they needed in order to accomplish their work. From this small band of men of ignorance, who did not spread the message of the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Jesus has something for you to do in building up the kingdom. Question number: He's ordained you. His ability to equip you with all that you need for His task at hand.

# Families plead: Don't give up on hostages

By Alcuin Papa

THE FAMILIES OF CES ORDILLEN and Jimmy Encarnacion have appealed to everyone involved in the recovery effort not to give up on them.

In a statement released yesterday by ABS-CBN, the families also thanked the government, security officials and the local government of Indy. "For their persistent efforts to secure their release."

"We are grateful beyond words to all the people who are helping us get Ces and Jimmy back. Please don't give up. We are counting on you and are praying for your efforts," the families said.

They added: "We have already exercised very best to have them released. Now, we can only hope and pray that the bad happens have a change of mind and heart and see the good that will come out of releasing Ces and Jimmy."

## Fear, pride

Members of Ordillen's family said they had been "fearful about the risks she has courageously taken to bring the news to all of us Filipinos."

"We are painfully experiencing this first and foremost as her sister now... To us, she is primarily a loved daughter, sister and mother of her young children," they said.

But despite the "natural feelings" about Ordillen's chosen profession, "we are proud that she is a passionate and dedicated journalist, committed to reporting the news for the benefit of the nation," her family members said.

"In spite of the risk of her profession and the additional danger of going to Jolo, Ces and her cameraman Jimmy Encarnacion braved the trip for a story about the struggles of Muslimes," they said.

## Continuing talks

Negotiations for the release of Ordillen, Encarnacion and Mindanao State University Prof. Octavio Dinampo are continuing, according to Chief Supt. Jocelyn Ordillas.

The police commander of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao told the Inquirer that it was one true communication between the kidnappers and the negotiators had been severed, as earlier reported by Agence France-Presse.

"There was a halt in the activity (negotiations). That's all," Ordillas said on the phone.

He also said Ordillen and Encarnacion were "OK" but that Ordillen was expectedly feeling low.

THE NEGOTIATORS (from left) Indanan Mayor Akiral Ajirul, Sulu Vice Gov. Lady Ann Sahidulla and Sulu Gov. Abdulsakar Tan meet at the Sulu provincial capitol in Jolo to discuss their next moves to effect the safe release of Ces Drilon and cameraman and a professor. AP

# Ces is OK, mayor reports

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Ajirul said Drilon laughed when he jokingly asked about her and the other hostages' condition, and whether they had been able to sleep at all. "Kumusta na ang kalagayan nyo dyan? Nakatulog ba kayo?"

He said he also told her of the kidnappers' assurance that she and the other captives would not be harmed.

## Valderama

An official of ABS-CBN, speaking on condition of anonymity, told the Inquirer in Manila that Valderama and his family had "already communicated" on the phone.

The official also said the network was working to bring Valderama, Drilon and Encarnacion back to Manila "together as much as possible."

But Chief Supt. Joel Ordillas, police commander of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, said Valderama was to be flown to Manila yesterday or today.

Golman also said Valderama caught up on sleep on Friday.

Philippine National Police Director General Avelino Razon had earlier said police were talking to Valderama to piece together the circumstances of the kidnapping and pinpoint the abductors.

Razon quoted Valderama as saying that the kidnappers had treated him and the other captives well.

## 'A little happiness'

Mayor Ajirul said his latest phone conversation with Drilon, at 7:30 a.m. yesterday, was "good news."

"She said she was OK. Unlike in past conversations, there seemed a little happiness, except that she wants us to be released soon," he said.

Ajirul said he had also spoken with the kidnappers, who assured him of the safety of Drilon's co.

"They are not being harmed," he declared. "Ces is feeling a bit better because one of them has been freed and we are doing everything we can to have all of them released."

Did Drilon request anything?

"She wanted to maintain any request," said Ajirul. "What is important now is that there be clear communication, and that her mother not be troubled. She worries when her mother is worried."

If anyone had made a request, it was Dinampo, who asked to speak to his wife.

Wednesday, Jimmital Dinampo, who was at Mayor Ajirul's residence in Barangay Tinambacan in Indanan, was finally able to talk with her husband.

## Conversation in English

Dinampo asked on Friday that his medications for arthritis be sent to him, and Ordillen's request, from 6 percentage points in 2007 to 9 percentage points in the recent survey—the widest gap the business has had ever the second most-read broadsheet since 2002, according to Nielsen.

This translates to roughly 280,000 more readers for the Inquirer compared to its nearest competitor.

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## Absorbing rising costs

"We have decided to absorb the rising newsprint and delivery cost and not increase our weekday and Saturday cover price of P18 and Sunday price of P20. So shall of course continue to provide excellent news and features to deserve your continued support," he said.

According to the survey, a high 52 percent of the ABC1 class of broadsheet readers said they read the business section on the front. Ses announced for 40 percent while Bulletin had 27 percent.

The business also led across all regions—82 percent in the Visayas, 64 percent in Mindanao, 61 percent in the balance of Luzon and 58 percent in Mega Manila.

Mega Manila includes Metro Manila, Angeles, Iloilo, Cebu, San Pablo and Mindoro. Balance of Luzon covers 11 cities in Luzon outside Metro Manila.

The latest survey findings were similar to results obtained by an earlier Nielsen survey covering the whole of 2007, which also showed the business on top with 33 percent, or an estimated 1.3 million readers.

The 2007 survey showed the Bulletin coming in second with 47 percent, or 1.17 million readers, while the Sun was third with 62 percent, or 1.03 million.

## Magazine leader, too

In the latest Nielsen survey, the Inquirer's weekend supplement, the Sunday Inquirer Magazine, also maintained its leadership with 48 percent readership among those who read their local tried a magazine the previous week. The Bulletin's Panorama magazine got 44 percent and the Sun's Bannerweek, 17 percent.

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Ann Arzadu of the Mindanao People's Caucus (MPC), admits Dinampo duties.

She said the medicines had been sent and that the conversation between the people lasted for only about a minute.

"What was strange and, for me, disturbing, was that Professor Ces spoke to his wife, as well as to his eldest daughter Bettina, in English, and not in their native Tausug," said Arzadu, a lawyer.

"They are reluctant, but they speak in Tausug," she said.

According to Arzadu, the professor told his wife to "be strong, don't lose hope, and take care of yourself and our children." He told his daughter Bettina to "please take care of your mother, brothers and sisters."

Arzadu said the MPC was elated that Dinampo was now "no longer viewed as a suspect but as a hostage."

Among the many who have vouched for Dinampo's integrity was Hermogenes Esperon Jr.

Arzadu said that during her meeting yesterday with the former Armed Forces chief of staff, "he was surprised to see Dinampo on TV wearing Esperon's personalized cap."

The cap was Esperon's token gift to Dinampo when the Bronze Crusader team, which the latter also chairs, visited Esperon in 2006.

Esperon, now President Macapagal-Arroyo's peace adviser, was in Davao City yesterday.

He said then he would not "suggest a military operation" to rescue Drilon et al., and that the case should be handled by the police or negotiators.

"I trust the mayor is something that media police actions," Esperon said.

## In hot water

Meanwhile, Senior Supt. Jolanito Santos, the police chief of Sulu, is in hot water for mentioning the words "military agent" to refer to Jamail Ajirul, the man who purportedly led Drilon et al. to the armed men now holding them captive.

Razon pointed out that it was Maureen Rondain—the driver hired by Drilon for the ABS-CBN team's trip to Muslimburg on June 4, when they were abducted—who had used the phrase in question. Rondain is in the custody of the Sulu police.

"I didn't come from any own opinion or personal analysis. I don't have any intention to malign any group or person. I was just reading an affidavit," Razon said, adding:

"I didn't know that reading an affidavit by a person that we consider a primary witness to a kidnapping is already tantamount to destroying the image of the Armed Forces, and for that I am saying sorry."

Asked why he was apologizing, Razon said: "Isn't last night [some people were] hurt, and I am being pressured for what I said. I hope they will read my apology in the Inquirer.

"[The affidavit] I read in the Inquirer may somehow cost me my career, which I have protected for more than 30 years."

## 'Friend of the military'

But Muntinlupa Mayor Nafi Maddin stood firm on his earlier statement that Ajirul was close to the military.

"As far as I know, this Ajirul is a friend of the military. In fact, his companions are military agents. I'm not saying he's also an agent, but even, what's wrong with that?" Maddin said.

Another source, who asked that he not be named for his safety, said it was "open knowledge" that Ajirul was "close to the Muslims."

"Ajirul is active in sending 'reds' (meaning elite men) to Bulacan. If there is a settlement, he always gets called by the brigade. That's because he is an ex-member of the Moro National Liberation Front and a former bodyguard [of Misuari]," the source said.

But ARMM police commander Ordillas said that after a thorough background investigation on Ajirul, all his men got was that the latter was a former MNLF member.

"He is not an asset of the AFP, now or in the past," Ordillas said.

## Fruitless search

In a separate interview, Razon said he and his men went in Barangay Sanlahi in Patikul yesterday morning in search of Ajirul.

The team got there at about 6:30 a.m., but did not find the man.

"I don't know who tipped him off, but he was not in his house. In fact, a child of his is getting married on Tuesday, and the stage is be used is ready," Razon said. *With reports from Ed General and Donatu dap Sanchez, Inquirer Mindanao, Alcuin Papa in Manila*

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# Gov't troops kill 4 NPA guerrillas in two clashes

GOVERNMENT TROOPS OVERRAN EARLY yesterday morning a key guerrilla camp and killed four communist rebels in clashes in Northern Mindanao and Bicol, the military said yesterday.

Armed Forces of the Philippines spokesperson Lt. Col. Ramon Torres said troops from the 9th Infantry Division under Brig. Gen. Ricardo David bombed about 60 guerrillas of the communist New People's Army for about three hours before capturing a regional rebel headquarters outside Quezon Town in Bukidnon province.

The rebels fled, leaving behind three dead comrades. Three soldiers were wounded in the clash, he said.

Torres identified the rebels killed as Ka Efren, a member of the Bonifacio Mindanao Command's medical staff; Ka Jake and Ka Tonio, both members of the Bonanak ambance staff.

Troops also seized three assault rifles, a laptop computer, global positioning system devices, food stores and bags of bomb-making materials, Torres said.

Lt. Col. Romeo Brawner said, "It was a major tactical victory. We hit the rebels' regional base in Northern Mindanao. We believe that we have disrupted a rebel plan to blow out government facilities in the province."

In the second encounter, soldiers conducting a routine operation with local police clashed with guerrillas in Camarines Sur in the Bicol region.

### 'Press on the fight, sustain gains'

One female guerrilla was killed and troops seized two rifles from the fleeing rebels. There were no government casualties, Torres said.

He said AFP Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Alexander Yano congratulated the troops and "urged them to press on the fight and sustain the gains toward the defeat of the insurgency."

Encounters between soldiers and rebels, who have waged a communist insurgency for about 40 years, have become more frequent in recent months after President Macapagal-Arroyo ordered the military to defeat the guerrillas by 2010, when she steps down.

Last week, nine guerrillas were killed and two others were captured in separate clashes that also wounded four government militiamen and one soldier. The rebels also fled with 14 rifles seized from militiamen in one of the clashes, the military said.

The military says the number of rebels has dropped from 7,000 several years ago to about 5,000 because of battle casualties and surrenders.

Communist Party spokesperson Gregorio Rosal said in a statement last week that the spike in guerrilla attacks "only shows how totally bankrupt and self-defeatist" Arroyo and the military are in trying to crush the rebels.

The NPA has been waging a protracted guerrilla warfare to oust the president to set up a communist state, resulting in the top security positions in the country.

The conflict has killed more than 40,000 people and scared away potential foreign and local investments from the resource-rich southern island of Mindanao, making it one of the poorest regions in the Philippines. *Alexis Romero, with reports from AP and Reuters*

# 7 to contest top ARMM post

By Katrina L. Rara

SEVEN CANDIDATES, INCLUDING OUTgoing Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) Gov. Zaldy Ampatuan, will contest the post of governor of the region in the upcoming ARMM elections, according to the Commission on Elections (Comelec).

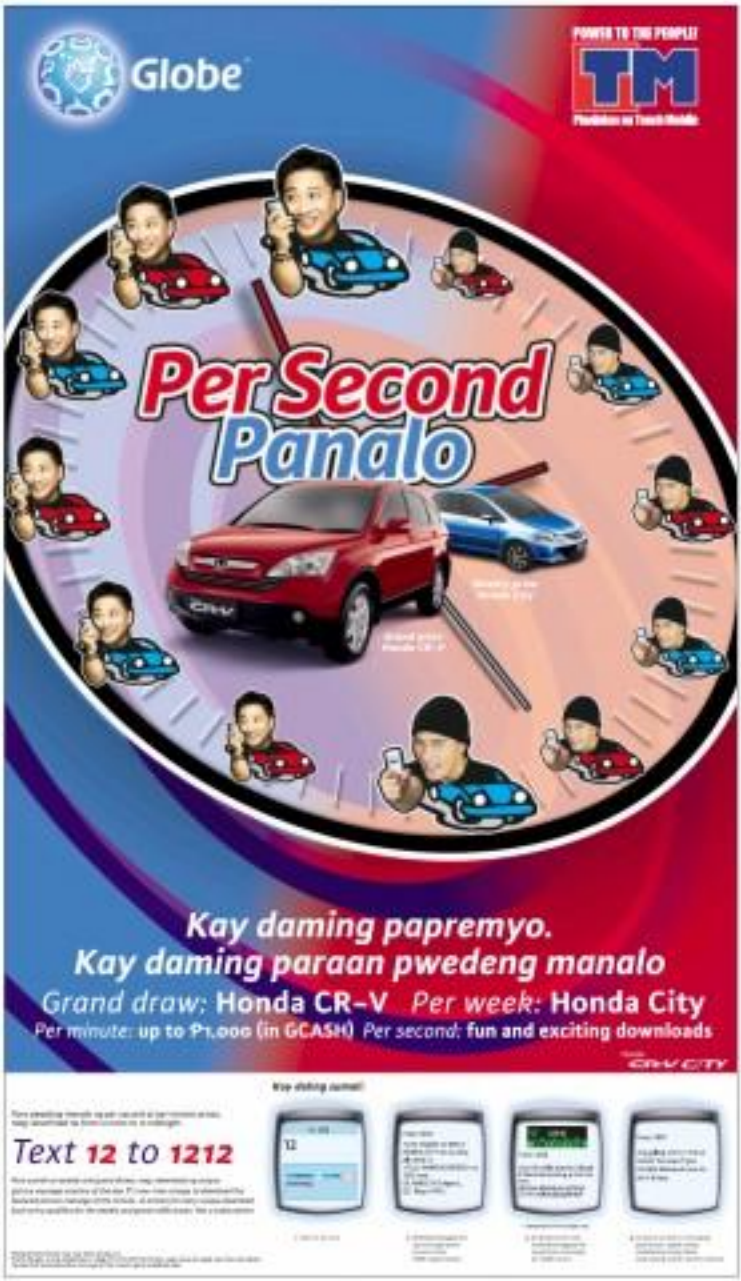
The Comelec, in a statement yesterday, also disclosed that five candidates would run for the regional vice governorship and another 79 for seats in the regional legislative assembly that would represent the provinces of Basilan, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, Sulu, and Tawi-Tawi and Shariff Kabunsuan.

Comelec spokesperson James Jimenez said that aside from Ampatuan, who is running under the Lakas-CMD party, the six others fighting for the post of governor are Anglican Parallel-Sun Ambrad (Independent); Gabriel Paredugale Mamberto (Puwersa ng Masang Pilipino); Ismail Bero Ibrahim (Independent); Ahmad Sihid Ismil (Independent); Ahmad Duping Nasib (Independent) and Ali Indra Sandil Datoc (Independent).

Those who filed certificates of candidacy for vice governorship are Antonieta Abdul Malik Alonto (ruling Lakas-CMD); Rufin Amir Mashul (Sikwang Bagong Ummon); Ravid Hajim Sampang (Independent); Mohamad Ipuyum Langco-Ambre (Independent) and Sharaia Tan Sinsuat (Independent).

Jimenez said the campaign period for the Aug. 11 elections would begin on June 27 and end on Aug. 9. The elections would be the first nationwide elections in the country.

The Comelec expects a turnout of 1.3 million voters on election day.



# My father and the holy rosary

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18, 1955, by the late Fr. Joseph Moffitt, SJ at the Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish in Tuguegarao, Albanian Cathedral. My father was 38 and my mother was 37 years old.

My father died three years ago, with a rosary in his hands, three months after my parents celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in Cagayan de Oro City.

"Not him sex is sacred," my mother said.

It was very clear in my father's mind that a married couple has a crucial role in procreation, in God's continuing work of renewing the world and humanity.

### Dawn prayers

It was my father's resolution because even when we were still children, my father would wake us up every morning at dawn to pray the rosary.

At the end of our prayers, my father would always say in Latin: "Ora pro nobis, Sancta Dei Genetrix," to which we would reply: "Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi."

He would pray "Veramus ..." in Latin and whose meaning we did not understand.

### A secret

My mother said that when my father was courting her in Baloc while they were finishing their respective courses at the Holy Name College (now Divine Word University), she told him a secret—that despite her beauty she was extremely in poor health.

My father was undaunted. He, who first thought of becoming a priest, became even more determined in many her.

After they got married, my mother watched as an eleven-year-old brother, whom my father, who was one year short of completing his Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education course, had to watch dies like cities.

Despite my mother's poor health, she delivered five healthy babies but had two miscarriages.

However, she was frequently in the hospital, suffering from the following ailments: hemorrhoids, stroke, appendicitis, hypertension, gall bladder ailment, senile goiter and diabetes.

She was always sick, my mother's fellow teachers thought she would not live to see all her children finish college.

### Never complained

But my father, whose faith in God was strong, told my mother: "He (mother) how grave one's ailment is, if God will not allow him to die, there he will live."

Each time my mother was hospitalized, my father would do all the household chores—cooking, washing [even my mother's underwear and the baby's diapers] and ironing clothes. He even prepared my mother's lesson plans for school.

He never complained about doing a woman's job.

When the children came one after the other, my father worked in the farm or sought employment to increase his and my mother's meager income. A musician, he also joined a band.

### Music scholar

He was humble, but with my mother's prodding and encouragement, my father went back to school as a music scholar.

He could play various musical instruments but concentrated on the clarinet. He became a member of a college band in Bulanguay, Albanian Oriental.

My father also worked as a band band planning and harvesting rice until he finished his degree in elementary education.

Even when he was already teaching, my father continued to look after my mother's health.

And even while fighting for his life in a hospital in Cagayan de Oro City, unable to speak and suffering from a grave liver ailment, he would signal my sickly mother to go home and sleep well.

### Mary's birthday

My father died on Aug. 31, 2005. When we observed the 50th day after his death, we realized it fell exactly on Oct. 9, my mother's birthday.

My father, who was raised in a barrio in Gattungan, Sevilla, Baloc, once told us that when he was studying at the Holy Name College, he was being groomed and was planning to enter the seminary.

However, his parents, Benito and Juriana Irigal, were poor so he decided to finish school with the help of a scholarship.

Lawrence Jr. Irigal, one of Father's pupils, once told me that my father was very happy because his dream to enter the seminary was realized in his only son who became a priest in 1993.

A LITANY OF ROSARIES The Ponce couple's golden harvest as of 2005 includes five children, 14 grandchildren and two great grandchildren and an only son in the priesthood. The family portrait, Rodora Ponce, died four months after the golden anniversary celebration. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

OUR FATHER PDI correspondent, Fr. Ramon Ponce, pays his respects to his parents after the renewal of their marriage vows on April 16, 2005. Ponce is the second of five children and the only son of the golden couple. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

# Pinoy prodigy to play at NY's Carnegie Hall

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because when he was still in his mother's womb, we exposed him to the classics—Mozart, Beethoven and the like.

At eight months, Jonah was observed by his mother humming the "Jeopardy" theme during those times that the family watched the popular TV quiz show.

At times he would tap his feet and shake his body [and bounce] to the tune of any music playing that he apparently liked.

When I read about the Suzuki Method, which was being taught to 3- to 5-year-old kids in Japan, I had the idea of taking him to music lessons in his early years.

I also realized the benefits of learning music in relation to learning basic math—a form of special learning. I soon believe that if my brothers and parents had been exposed to music education, our formative talents would have been brought to the fore.

[The Suzuki Method, founded by Dr. Shinichi Suzuki, combines a music teaching method with a philosophy that embraces the child's total development. Said Suzuki: "Mankind ability is not an intrinsic talent but an ability which can be developed. Any child who is properly trained can develop a musical ability just as all children develop the ability to speak their mother tongue. The potential of every child is limited."]

### Violin at 3

When Jonah was three, he started taking violin lessons at urban used to be the Good Shepherd Montessori School in Estrella, Florida.

The lessons were conducted using the Suzuki Method by the course director, Cece Hemphill.

An excellent pupil student scholarship, along with his prodigious talent, was a key factor in Jonah's having learned superb violin playing skills at this early age.

When he was four, he played in public for the first time at the Public Library of Toronto, Florida.

When Jonah was five, he joined the CPYO in Leesburg, Florida, as member camp. I could see how he enjoyed each and every piece the orchestra played, as he would tap his feet ans only during rehearsals but also on stage during actual concerts.

He soon rose to become one of the two lead violinists at the CPYO's public performances at the Good Shepherd Montessori School.

During his pre-kindergarten years at the Leesburg Lake Montessori School, Jonah also took individual violin and piano lessons from Betty Desmond and Gary McAfee.

By the time he was eight, he had also started taking cello lessons.

### Lessons on the side

Jonah continues to play violin and cello for the CPYO, which includes three concerts a year. At the same time, he takes individual violin and cello lessons in Winter Park, Florida.

Upon the invitation of CPYO conductor Jonathan May to the opening of 2004, Jonah joined the Florida Young Artists Orchestra (FYSO), a much bigger youth orchestra in Orlando, Florida, after an audition.

He is currently third chair violinist and principal cellist of the FYSO Philharmonic Orchestra, which performs in six concerts a year.

On Father's Day, June 15, Jonah plays with these orchestras at Carnegie Hall's Isaac Stern Auditorium.

### Straight-A student

I am now convinced that classical music learning promotes special intelligence.

This explains Jonah's love for and sustained excellence in math in his sixth-grade class. Starting from his pre-kindergarten days, he continues to be a straight-A student in Pinoy, unless those are Americans, characteristics.

His interests in sports include basketball, soccer, tennis and golf, which he plays under supervision of a coach.

But through all his young accomplishments, Jonah has remained humble and low-key. And community service continues to be part of his life.

On a voluntary basis, he plays with a small group of 4 to 10 kids, usually older than he, in a chamber orchestra. They perform in grocery stores and supermarkets, hospitals, physicians' offices, public libraries and nursing homes.

Those are in addition to his orchestras' rehearsals/concerts in various churches and auditoriums in Leesburg and Orlando.

The author, a 1975 graduate of the University of the Philippines' College of Medicine, received training in geriatrics in New York. But he chose to be an emergency room doctor in Leesburg, Florida, because it offered him more time for his beloved son.

MUSIC TO HIS EARS Jonah is the delight of his father, Joe Hilvangco, a doctor in Florida. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

LOW KEY Jonah Hilvangco, 12, is the youngest performer in the Central Florida Youth Orchestra scheduled to play at Carnegie Hall on Father's Day. He plays the violin and the cello. Despite his achievements at a young age, Jonah remains humble and is into volunteer performances in hospitals, nursing homes and public libraries. RON PINEDA PHOTO

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Invitation to Apply for Eligibility and to Bid
PROCUREMENT OF LCD PROJECTORS AND LINE PRINTERS

1. The NATIONAL STATISTICS OFFICE (NSO), through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), invites prospective bidders from registered and eligible contractors to participate in the procurement project(s) as follows:

| | Description / Unit Requirement | Unit Reference |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Name of Project | Computer Equipment Procurement (Lot No. 1) - Project ID No. 2006-0001 | Lot No. 1 |
| Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) | Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (P350,000.00) | Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (P350,000.00) |
| Quantity | Laser Printer - 1 unit<br>Computer Desktop - 1 unit | 1 unit<br>1 unit |
| Source of Funds | NSO Budget | NSO Budget |
| Delivery Period | 30 days | 30 days |
| Delivery of Goods | September 30, 2006 | September 30, 2006 |

2. Bids from interested contractors shall be submitted to the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) Secretariat, 2nd Floor, NSO Building, Quezon Avenue, Quezon City, Metro Manila on or before 2:00 p.m. of June 30, 2006.

3. Prospective bidders should have a valid mayor's permit, Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board (PCAB) license, Tax Clearance per Executive Order 398, Series of 2005, and other documentary requirements as specified in the Philippine Government Procurement Reform Act (R.A. 9184) and its Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).

4. Interested bidders may obtain further information from the BAC Secretariat and may purchase the Bidding Documents for the Lot No. 1 - Computer Equipment Procurement (Project ID No. 2006-0001) upon payment of a non-refundable fee for the Bidding Documents in the amount of Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00) from the BAC Secretariat and may be downloaded free of charge from the website of the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) and the website of the NSO, provided that bidders shall pay the said amount not later than the submission of their bids.

5. A pre-bid conference shall be held on June 16, 2006, 2:00 p.m. at the NSO Training Room, 2nd Floor, NSO Building, Quezon Avenue, Quezon City, Metro Manila. Prospective bidders are invited to attend.

6. The NSO reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, to annul the bidding process, and to accept the contract(s) deemed most advantageous to the government.

(SGD.) LUZVIMINDA D. ILUMBA
Chairperson, Bids and Awards Committee

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# Senate bill gives parties 'right to reply' to media

By Cynthia G. Balana

THE SENATE HAS approved on second reading a controversial bill recognizing an aggrieved party's "right to reply" to what they may feel are biased and erroneous reporting by the media.

Senate Bill 2330, principally authored by Sen. Ejercito Estrada, was approved Wednesday evening shortly before the first regular session of the 14th Congress adjourned. The bill was co-authored by Sen. Ramon Revilla Jr. and Sen. Francis "Chiz" Escudero.

The bill provides that "all persons who are accused directly or indirectly of any crime or offense or are criticized by inaccurate, malicious reports, suggestion or opinion for any injury to behavior in public or private life shall have the right to reply to the charges published in newspapers and other publications or to criticisms aired over radio, television, websites or through any electronic device."

The Constitution prohibits legislators from passing any law abridging the freedom of speech and of the press. Parties who feel aggrieved, however, may go to court and sue for libel.

But Estrada said the right to reply was part of the freedom of expression and the bill is intended to "protect the people from inaccurate or untruthful articles in the media that put them in bad light or malign them, whether intentionally or not."

He insisted that the exercise of this right would "restrain the freedom of expression," and not curtail it as media practitioners seem to think.

"It is our humble view that the right of reply is not an infringement at all on the freedom of the press. On the contrary, it is an expression of that right so that the people in general will enjoy the right of free speech which should be respected by the media," the opposition senator said.

**The measure hopes** to restrain the media's much valued "editorial prerogative" by mandating that **newspapers or** broadcast media give equal space and prominence to a reply.

According to the bill, the editor in chief, publisher or station manager of the publication or broadcast station who fails or refuses to publish or broadcast the reply of the affected sender or his representative shall be liable to the payment of fines.

## Fewer killings

Moreover, Estrada suggested that their may be less overpublicized killings of journalists if this bill was passed.

According to Estrada, the right of reply would deter the aggrieved persons from resorting to violence to get back at media personalities who mistreated or relieved the defamatory stories or commentaries.

"Probably, by giving the person being criticized a chance to reply and get their reply published, according to the statement of this bill, then hopefully we can reduce the incidents of 'rubout-the-gov' as a way to express feelings really against government," Estrada said.

With a mechanism for settling the grievances of the newspaper readers or broadcast listeners over media items in place, Estrada said there was reason to hope that media killings in the country would be curbed and become a thing of the past.

A United Nations rapporteur, however, recently concluded after an investigative mission that it was more likely a government counter-insurgency policy and a deep-seated justice system that was condoning the alarming spate of murders of journalists in the Philippines.


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| NAME OF CONTRACT | Approved Budget Ceiling for the contract | Pre-Bid Conference | Deadline of Submission and Opening of Bid Docs. | Price of Bid Documents (Non-Refundable) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Reorganizing of the BMPC Mall Office (LOT 1 Lot) | P1,230,000.00 (Re-bidding) | June 17, 2008 1:00 p.m. | July 04, 2008 2:00 p.m. | P10,000.00 |
| Interpersonal Counter Services (LOT 2 Lot) | P1,800,000.00 (Re-bidding) | June 17, 2008 1:00 p.m. | July 04, 2008 2:00 p.m. | P10,000.00 |
| Domestic Counter Services (LOT 3 Lot) | P1,800,000.00 (Re-bidding) | June 17, 2008 1:00 p.m. | July 04, 2008 2:00 p.m. | P10,000.00 |

For Reorganizing of the BMPC Mall Office (Re-bidding)

| BAC Activities | Schedule |
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| 1. Pre-bid Conference (prospective bidders of Letters of Invitation for Re-bidding Application for Eligibility and to Bid) | June 10-18, 2008 |
| 2. Issuance of Eligibility and Bid Documents | June 10-18, 2008 |
| 3. Pre-bid Conference | June 17, 2008 - 2:00 p.m. |
| 4. Receipt and Opening of Eligibility and Bid Documents | July 04, 2008 - 2:00 p.m. |

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The Eligibility and Bid Documents shall be available at the BAC Secretariat, 2nd floor Blue 1, POEA Bldg., Ortigas corner EDSA, Mandaluyong City, 7 AM to 5 PM. Bidders shall present the Eligibility and Bid Documents. Only bidders who have purchased the Eligibility Documents shall be eligible to observe the Pre-Bid Conference and participate in the bidding process.

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# Plane turns back

NORTHWEST Airlines Flight 3, en route from Manila to Tokyo with 417 passengers and crew on board, returned to Manila yesterday shortly after take-off because of a maintenance problem.

In his report, Ricardo Manansala, Air-Transportation safety officer in the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 1, said that initial investigation showed the pilot in command decided to return after taking off at 7:15 a.m. after detecting that the plane's No. 4 engine was "vibrating and creating an overlap in speed."

The report said the aircraft landed safely at 8:04 a.m. and was requested to remove parking for maintenance check and repair.

Northwest management, in a statement, said that upon landing, the flight was cancelled but the passengers were rebooked on other flights.

"Northwest Airlines apologizes to our customers for the inconvenience. The incident is under investigation," the statement said.

Cynthia G. Balana


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Subject: Warning on the Use of Varenicline

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Patients who are taking Varenicline are advised to stop taking the drug and contact their physicians if they notice agitation, depressed mood, or changes in behavior that are not typical of them, or if they have suicidal thoughts or actions.

On 16 May 2008, the United States Food and Drug Administration (US FDA) issued a public health advisory to alert patients, caregivers, and healthcare professionals to important changes to Varenicline's prescribing information to include warnings about the possibility of severe changes in mood and behavior in patients taking this drug. Varenicline is a medicine used to help patients stop smoking. FDA is highlighting the following related important safety information on Varenicline:

- Patients should tell their doctor about any history of psychiatric illness prior to starting Varenicline. This drug may cause worsening of a current psychiatric illness even if it is currently under control and may cause an old psychiatric illness to reoccur.
- Healthcare professionals, patients, patients' families, and caregivers should be alert to and monitor for changes in mood and behavior in patients treated with Varenicline. Symptoms may include anxiety, nervousness, tension, depressed mood, unusual mood, unusual behaviors and thinking about or attempting suicide. In most cases, neuropsychiatric symptoms developed during treatment, but in others, symptoms developed following withdrawal of Varenicline therapy.
- Patients taking Varenicline may experience vivid, unusual, or strange dreams.
- Patients taking Varenicline may experience impairment of the ability to drive or operate heavy mechanism.

Varenicline (Brand name: Champix) has been in the Philippine market since June 2007 under a monitored release scheme. Although there has not been any report of adverse reaction/event among local patients, BFAD has decided to issue this warning in the best interest of the patients and the public, in general.

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# 'Don't meddle in House affairs, Jamby'

By TJ Burgonio

HOUSE SPEAKER PROSPERO NOGRALES yesterday warned Sen. Jamby Madrigal for questioning House prerogative in organizing its panel to the Commission on Appointments (CA), saying the senator was being "unparliamentary" and was "out of bounds."

Nograles said he was not questioning Madrigal's freedom to challenge the composition of the Commission on Appointments before the Court of Appeals, adding that the senators could in fact question "anything under the sun."

"But it's definitely not parliamentary practice to question how we organize our committees [in the House]," he said in a text message. "She may have stepped out of bounds."

Madrigal has petitioned the appellate court to declare unconstitutional the composition of the CA, arguing that more seats were allocated to lawmakers out of proportion to their membership in either chamber in violation of the Constitution.

The CA, chaired by the Senate President, is composed of 12 senators and 12 congressmen supposedly elected on the basis of proportional representation from parties and party-list organizations.

### Thought it odd

Madrigal said she thought it odd that Lakas-NUCD had five seats although it was entitled to only four, Kampi had three although it should have had only two, and Citizens Battle Against Corruption (Cibac) had one seat even though it had only two members in the House.

Gloc party-list Rep. Joel Villanueva, a CA member, said it was good that Madrigal brought the case to the court, but added that she should not "meddle in (the) affairs."

"If she's talking about the Constitution, why is she meddling in our affairs? Common sense dictates that we should not also meddle in the affairs of the Senate," he said by phone.

Villanueva also clarified that he was unanimously elected to the CA not only by the minority bloc, but by the entire House of Representatives.

Another CA member, Rep. Rodolfo Plaza, another CA member, said it was up to the court to decide whether indeed the composition of the CA was unconstitutional.

Nograles said legal luminaries in the Senate did not think the composition of the CA was irregular.

### Not a lawyer

"That's her (Madrigal's) own opinion. Is she a lawyer like JPE (Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile), Angara (Sen. Edgardo Angara), Joker (Sen. Jinkee Antonio) Pangilinan (Majority Leader Francis Pangilinan), and Gordon (Sen. Richard Gordon)? Many constitutionalists do not think like her," he said.

Sen. Rep. Edwardo Gullas, acting head of the 12-member House contingent to the CA, however, welcomed Madrigal's petition.

"In a way her petition could be addressing since it would finally resolve any and all questions with respect to the CA's composition and the validity of our acts of reallocation," he said.

Gullas also reported to Nograles that only four senate resolutions—Environment Secretary Jose Atienza Jr., Energy Secretary Angelo Reyes, newly designated Civil Service Commission (CSC) chair Ricardo Saludo and Election Commissioner Moslemen Macusambol Jr.—have yet to be confirmed by the CA.

So far, the body has confirmed 331 appointees and nominees, including 18 Cabinet members, two chairpersons of two constitutional commissions and a member of the Judicial and Bar Council, he said.

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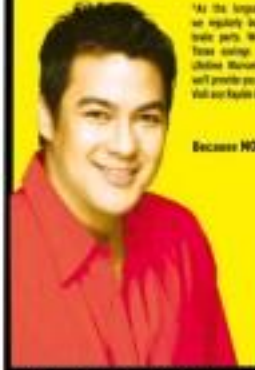

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## Passport-reading machine uncovers fake documents

By Tina G. Santos

DURING ITS NEW PASSPORT-READING machines, the Department of Foreign Affairs detected a batch of tampered passports last week which led to the arrest of a suspected illegal recruiter.

Agents of the National Bureau of Investigation nabbed Bet Gumiguard, 27, of Barangay Cute, Tarlac City, on Thursday after prospective overseas workers presented to her as the one who issued them the fake passports.

Gumiguard also goes by the aliases Lualen Soares, Lualin Pilsuk-on/Dhanthi Maudo.

Lawyer Angelito Magno, chief of the bureau's Special Action Unit, said a warrant for Gumiguard's arrest was issued by Judge Alipio Yumol of the Tarlac City Regional Trial Court for "large scale illegal recruitment."

Magno said the NBI sought the help of the FBI after it received complaints from several overseas job applicants from Anao, Tarlac, regarding the falsification of their passports.

Starting early this year, the DFA began issuing machine-readable passports which use biometrics or special electronic information chips embedded with security features on the laminated data page.

The passports allegedly given by Gumiguard to the complainants were spotted because they lacked the new safety features, the NBI said.

"The passports were genuine but the data pages were tampered," Magno said.

"The suspect used an old method called bubble, which means the passports were originally issued to other people but the data pages were replaced to show information about the new passport holder.

"The results operation was discovered after the machines failed to read the passports."

The NBI said DFA said this was the first time they received a report concerning the tampering of machine-readable passports.

The complainants said that sometime in April, the suspect convinced them to work as caregivers in London. They said they were provided big relative and several of them are soon as they completed payments ranging from P200,000 to P600,000.

Several victims have lodged formal complaints against the recruiter.

# Marcos funds not going to gov't, says lawyer

By TJ Burgonio

DON'T CELEBRATE JUST YET, A Filipino lawyer yesterday chided government officials after the United States Supreme Court junked a lawsuit court decision awarding to human rights victims the $353 million account held by a US firm for the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos.

Rod Domingo Jr., lawyer for more than 9,000 Filipino human rights victims, said the decision did not award the funds to the Philippine government, so the contrary it awarded it to Merrill Lynch, the company holding the funds.

"It didn't say the money is going back to the Philippines," Domingo said in a phone interview. "It's going back to the original owner, which is Merrill Lynch, but it didn't say who is entitled to this."

According to Domingo, the Philippine government did not present evidence to back its claim to the money during the trial.

"The republic will not get the money because the republic does not have a judgment against the money. It did not submit evidence in court that it's entitled to it," he said.

The US high court ruled on Thursday that the Ninth court erred when it allowed 9,539 human rights victims to file a suit to recover the $353-million Merrill Lynch fund.

This overturned the June 2006 ruling of a federal judge in Hawaii that the victims were entitled to the ill-gotten money.

Commissioner Narciso Nato of the Presidential Commission on Good Government said the government expected the money to be turned over to it in a few days, adding that it would be used to fund the land reform program.

Marcos in 1972 set up the $353-million account with the Merrill Lynch brokerage firm and then transferred some $2 million to Arelma S.A., a Panamanian shell corporation, which invested the money with Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Inc. in New York.

The account is part of Marcos' so-called hidden wealth being claimed by several parties, among them, the human rights victims and the Philippine government.

Domingo said the Philippine government would have a tough time recovering the funds in the US.

To recover the funds, it has to file a case with the Intelligentsia, and if it wins, go to the US to get it enforced, the lawyer said.

"They will have to start a new case. I believe the PCGG sequestration orders have lapsed. So that money is floating. It will now go to the republic," he said.

Domingo said he and the rights victims' team of American lawyers led by Robert Swift, were still studying their options, including filing a motion to reconsider the US SC decision.

"We have to take it as it is, but all is not lost," he said.

Joining his cries to the Philippine bar mouth, Swift said that if the victims lost the case in the US SC, they could still go after the money by filing a claim for execution.


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# OPINION

## Lame-duck Congress

EDITORIAL

THE FIRST SESSION OF THE 14TH CONGRESS ended the way it began—with a battle in the House over that most basic of legislative duties, that of mustering a quorum. It began with an attempt to oust Jose de Venecia Jr. as speaker—a battle that, as times faltered, over the question of a quorum, and which very nearly derailed President Macapagal-Arroyo's scheduled appearance at the opening of Congress to report on the state of the nation. It ended with De Venecia's successor, Speaker Prospero Nograles, starting to reassemble the ruins he'd caused. Nograles had toppled his predecessor precisely on the basis of the previous leadership's inefficiency when it came to quorums; he failed to maintain a quorum as the House tried to beat the clock on land reform.

The Senate, on the other hand, found itself renowned by the Supreme Court, its members filtering away the gains in public trust the body had achieved by keeping the executive at bay.

Congress did pass some legislation lowering taxes for employers and making available cheaper medicines; but it didn't demonstrate much vigor reexamining the expiring land reform law—whether to give it more teeth or just keep it staggering along.

Indeed, there are two main areas in which Congress, as a whole, has proven itself a colossal failure. This is in terms of alleviating the public and fulfilling its inherent responsibilities. There are: first, its failing to grow up and grow out of an ad hoc attitude toward investigations, and second, in being more interested in extorting favors from the executive (instead of taking to heart its power to block and reject unacceptable presidential appointments).

Both chambers of Congress seem not to have realized that their investigations—whether the Senate's probe of controversial executive deals, or the Houses' inquiry into the diplomatic record of the executive regarding the Spratlys—have produced more heat than light.

Congress as an institution has benefited from the public instinctively recognizing the importance of oversight in a democracy, but it has failed to take the lessons from the executive's crafty and cunning ability to thwart its investigations, where a more institutional (meaning, not just ad hoc but a standing) forum all year-round is required.

The Commission on Appointments has fared the executive's often unsavory appointments and nominees—devised to the President each and every time. Its finally reaffirming final Gonzalez judge in any other self-respecting Congress or democratically inclined administration, would have been pulled out of the process at least by the third time he was bypassed (or to result in going through nominees (even when individual legislators had invoked the rules or block them), never, ever, has Congress been such an obliging rubber stamp to a chief executive.

The historic destiny of the 14th Congress is to be a bridge—the legislative transition—between the failed impositions of the Arroyo administration and whatever regime will take its place. On the one hand, the present administration's congressional allies are supposed to be finding ways to entrench the policies it takes pride in, so that whatever gains have been made will endure. But then Congress is also supposed to ensure that the issues that have haunted the present administration won't haunt its successors: and this means reforms in the armed forces to prevent soldiers' participation in electoral fraud, human rights abuses and adventurism; clean and credible elections; and an end to the politicization of the bureaucracy.

Essentially, the first session has been a waste. The 14th Congress has two more sessions: the second begins with the President's State of the Nation Address in July. By the third session, which will be a year after that, Congress will already be a lame duck, like the President. Which means televising the House should be accompanied by televising the Senate: for there is a great danger that the lame ducks will conspire to extend themselves as incumbents.

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## Al Gore's purpose

SEPARATE OPINION

*Augusto A. Cruz*

MY DAUGHTER CANDY GAVE ME A COPY OF "Our Purpose," the Nobel Peace Prize Lecture delivered by Al Gore in Oslo, Norway, on Dec. 10, 2007. It is a eye-opening presentation of a serious problem confronting the world that deserves the participation of its inhabitants in its solution which he believes will be difficult but not impossible.

The other looming but avoidable alternative is the suicidal death of our planet through the mammoth, deliberate neglect or stupid refusal of its leaders to take the necessary action to save mankind from its tragic end. That end is inevitable, Gore says, without being doomsday, unless we act now.

As trained author by concerned scientists who have been generally ignored by their top bosses/helpside colleagues, if not censored by the misdirected laymen in general, there has been over the years a gradual and hardly noticed change in the climate of the world caused by the emission of substances, principally carbon dioxide, from human activities. Gore warns that:

"Even science is warming so that if we do not quickly reduce the global warming pollutant that is trapping so much of the heat our planet normally radiates back out of the atmosphere, we are in danger of creating a permanent 'carbon summer.'

"As the American poet Robert Frost wrote, 'Some say the world will end in fire, some say in ice.' Either he knew, 'would suffice.'"

Gore's report is that scientific studies have predicted that the North Polar ice cap would disappear in less than 22 years and warns it could even be shorter than 7 years.

"Even now it has become harder and harder to misinterpret the signs that our world is rapidly changing and that human activities in North and South America, Asia and Australia are nearly unanimous in their destructive thoughts and melting glaciers. Desperate farmers are losing their livelihoods. People in the frozen Arctic and in low-lying Pacific islands are planning evacuations of places they have long called home. Unprecedented wildfires have forced a half million people from their homes in our country and caused a national emergency that almost brought down a government in another. Climate refugees have migrated into areas already inhabited by people with different cultures, religions and traditions, increasing the potential for conflict. Glaciers across in the Pacific and the Atlantic have threatened whole cities. Millions have been displaced by massive flooding in South Asia, Mexico and 16 countries in Africa. As temperatures extremes have increased, tens of thousands have lost their lives. We are suddenly learning and clearing our forests and drying more and more species into extinction. The very web of life on which we depend is being ripped and frayed."

And he asks:

"Now comes the threat of climate crisis—a threat that is real, rising, imminent, and existential. Once again it is the Civic Issue. The penalties for ignoring this are serious and growing and, at some near point, would be unconscionable and unrecoverable. For now we still have the power to choose and late and the remaining question is only this: Have we the will to act vigorously and in time, or will we remain imprisoned by a dangerous illusion?"

Al Gore is not the messenger who could be slain for bringing the doleful message. He has a solution to resist its gruesome threat if only to prevent victims...mounting all of us inhabitants of Earth—would act together, in time and vigorously as he suggests, against their own near problems that to their inexpressible responsibility to solve.

His suggestion is the conclusion and most achievement of a treaty that will ban the indiscriminate emission of carbon dioxide and other substances that are near preventing the normal evaporation back to the atmosphere of the trapped heat from the sun now causing the abnormal climate changes. They will even increase unless immediate action is taken by the offending countries, especially the United States—his own country—and China. He says that as the principal solution, they should "develop an agenda for mutual survival in a shared global environment," like Europe, Japan and Australia.

"The way ahead is difficult," he admits. "The outer boundary of what we currently believe is feasible is still far short of what we actually must do. Moreover, between here and there, across the unknown, lells the shadow.

"That is just another way of saying that we have to expand the boundaries of what is possible. In the words of the Spanish poet, Antonio Machado, 'Pathwalker, there is no path. You must make the path as you walk.'"

Al Gore was originally known mostly in his own country only as the hot-tare vice president who won the popular vote in the 2004 presidential election but not the questionable electoral vote in Florida. From a reputable politician in the United States, he has risen as an eminent statesman of the world and now enjoys international renown and approval. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007 for his advocacy of the purpose for which, he hopes, future generations will ask no more.

"Have did you find the moral courage and successfully resolve a crisis that so many said was impossible to solve?"

## A someone

MOMENTS

*Fr Jerry M. Orbos, SVD*

THE STORY IS TOLD ABOUT A MOTHER WHO, as the last thing, instructed her son to get a bag of money and hide it in the attic. A month after the father died, the son went to the attic and saw the bag of money still there. And then, his father's voice was heard: "Son, did not go up." You should have placed it in the basement instead where I could have pulled it up on my way down!"

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Today is Father's Day. Congratulations and good luck to all fathers! Fatherhood is a God-given mission. It is not just an obligation, neither is it just a human aspiration; we just a personal passion. It is a commitment to become a real shepherd, and to become a worthy disciple in the Lord's vineyard. It is a call to be a co-worker with God in the continuation of his creation.

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In today's Gospel (Mt. 9, 36-10, 8) Jesus calls His 12 disciples to help Him in His mission, especially to go back last sheep of the house of Israel. Jesus—our—said that Jesus was the perfect CEO (chief executive officer) because of the clarity of His vision-mission, and of His goals and objectives as well. Among those called to carry out the mission, the work and fruit-bil disciples like you and me who—out done, but are brought up the whole spectrum: the "resident folk" in the extreme zone and repos. And yet the mission goes on, not so much because of us, but others, in spite of us.

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Discipleship is not so much doing, but being. So—there's the list of the 12 apostles—and you'll notice that nothing was said to describe what they did—except Matthew, "the tax collector," and Judas, "who betrayed Him." Perhaps that should lead to deeper appreciation of our personhood rather than of our accomplishments, not so much of what we carry in our hands, but what we carry in our hearts.

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We have a neighbor in Quezon City who lost about nine his wife died some years ago. He is sure to his late 70s. He has a son who lives nearby, but who never or hardly ever visits. He has grown his son everything—house, car, money, but for some reason or another, this son, including his whole family, has no respect, care and love for him. Can a father be so bad? Or can a son be so bad? Will death be the only way to reconcile the two? Will death be the only return? That's what the son seems to be saying by his silence, coldness and indifference.

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A father, they say, is one who used to have money in his wallet, but now only has pictures in his wallet. Fatherhood is a vocation that today is called by our generation by other than have ceased to be productive and "useful." It is sad that some parents are hardly trusted or just tolerated in their retirement years. Remember: blessings come to those who care for and love their parents to the very end. What you do to others, that too will be done to you.

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There is a downside when fathers have too much money in their wallets. So problem with preserving the children materially for a bright future. However, when the focus is on the "having," to the detriment of "being" is affected. Remember, fatherhood is not so much about becoming somebody but being a someone.

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Can a father be so self-sacrificing for a son, and happily at that? Ted Turnead, a former classmate in the seminary never remarried after his wife Hachen died 28 years ago. Their only child Brian was only 3 years old then. All those years, Ted took good care of Brian and set aside his own social and love life for the sake of his child. I have seen how the two of them just stuck it out with each other through thick and thin, never betraying anything or anyone go in between them. Well, Brian got married yesterday, and I asked Ted now 54 years old, if he too will get married. Really, and his response was: "Figure pursuit to Father, bestie. Ok, so if Ryan I Maybe, as long as Ryan is OK). "Now, that's what we call surviving and loving progress Ryan!

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Pray for to next priests. May we become real fathers to the dying, filled with passion for God's mission, and with hearts full of compassion for the people. May we not be tempted to stray from our mission because of worldly "consolation," and personal "consolation" and worldly ambition.

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Let us remember our misdemeanors, my disciples-in-Christ Dave" who have left home, country and family for the sake of the Gospel. I met in Mexico recently Br. Thad Teales, SVD who has been in Mexico for the past 15 years, and Fr. Jeffrey Salazar, SVD who has been there the past 28 months. We, the proclaimers of the Kingdom of God gave you, made by them real flesh, and by all of us in here!

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A moment with the Lord.

Lord, more than a somebody, help me to be Christ's someone. Amen.

# Education for all

## WITH DUE RESPECT

*Antonio V. Bautista Jr.*

SOMEWHERE WHERE SCHOOLS OPEN, THE Department of Education gets a hunting. Though this year's opening was relatively smooth, some logistic and supply shortages in some classrooms, books, desks, teachers, and pupils who were unable to enroll. The Philippine Alliance of Concerned Teachers (ACT) says that 43,000 new classrooms are needed to create a 1:40 classroom to student ratio.

Problems of education. The Commission on Audit deplored that "information and multi-media equipments packages costing at least P607.08 million were neither utilized nor maximized for the purpose intended" in various public schools last year. They were "either defective or shelf-stored in schools which were not entirely endowed in accordance with the approved criteria..." COA also hammered inspectors' books (shocker). Then, private classroom shortages in 29,000 schools were not addressed. Moreover, some serious programs reads: P607.796 million were supplemental to 1,500 schools that did not need them.

In the front pages spoke of the looming collapse of Manila's sewage system. Then there's the "blind" textbooks. To receive the braille, blind teen literacy Jedi A. Layus toured an order late May 19 learning the use of a series of textbooks infested with "conceptual errors, factual errors, misleading or wrong illustrations, and insufficient discussions."

Into the overloaded is the perennial desire to change the medium of instruction from English to Filipino, ignoring the remote language advantage of our kids in English. Or the proposal to reinforce jobs idol to all seniors, as well as those aging beyond education abroad.

Then, there is the overarching critique that the Philippines is the only country on this planet that has a duration of 10 year basic education cycle program. All the rest of the world uses the 12-year standard—seven in elementary and five in high school. To address this problem, many elite private schools have made Grade 7 compulsorily Considering, however, that 87 percent (or 10.41 million) of the 12.1 million elementary and high schoolers are enrolled in public schools, this private effort is not enough.

Lack of resources. Secretary Lapus agrees that the country should conform to the global 12-year standard but points out the lack of resources to do so. He says that the Philippines shells out P6,334 per student compared to the equivalent of P67,788 in Thailand, P50,848 in Malaysia, P15,35,000 in the United States and P668,446 in Japan, which is more convenient that Secretary of the SOP should be set aside for education and while the World Bank notes that developing countries spend 20 percent of their budgets for the same purpose, he despises that the Philippines allocates a meager 2.53 percent of GDP and only 15 percent of that amount goes to education.

Lapus is ordained to convention. Citing Sec. 1 of Art. XIV of the Constitution requiring for them to "promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels," he established the Department's "Education For All" in his mandate. Accordingly, he envisions making all Filipinos "functionally literate ... able to read, write, compute and apply basic knowledge and skills to their daily lives, comprising basic education, short graduates prepared to the workplace or develop vocational skills. Only 14 percent get to college.

Implied programs. To achieve his vision, Lapus pursues two basic programs. First, he aims to reduce the number of out-of-school children and youth. He hopes to trim the 20 percent dropout rate by making 1-year-old sake age kindergarten, "since literally studies point to preschool education as the best foundation to make children and their parents motivate schooling," he says.

Presently, however, our Grade 1 readiness rate is only 35 percent. The "necessity" (65 percent need "non-attendance") and "less-fitted out child-based education" to prevent them from dropping out, said to Grade Grade 6. To achieve his goal of literacy for all, he pushes in the meantime to design Implied's functional equivalent to preschool education rather than to launch Grade 7. He expects to put into the program.

His second major program is "alternative learning system" (ALS) for the functional literacy of out-of-school youth and adults who have never enrolled. These "dropouts and stay-outs" were numbered in 2004 at 10 million or 28 percent of the entire population. ALS is flexible, "an anytime, anywhere learning" implementing 6 activity modules: teachers and private service providers, non-formal to the implied.

Noticeable omission. When Lapus was appointed, the education community was aghast, because he was not a book-learning educator. The term "who he is" ground him when he became president of the United Bank of the Philippines 10 years ago, because he was not known as a banker in the same manner that he earned around the Civil Service and many private firms, he is now—two years after taking office—acclaimed for the Public Safety College (PSC) as the best credible government office, and for posting World Bank kudos for his innovations. Surely, he can really solve the CIA and ACT concerns.

With a remarkable banking, management, legal, and public service background, engineering and accounting graduate is in bed, the Implied—the biggest employer (USC 600,000 employees) with the largest down classroom (over 20 million) in the country—can look forward to blessings, no longer to unread headlines. Once again, Lapus can now focus on the 11 year global standard and the pupils' preparation for college.

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# Sassy

SHE WEARS A BLUE DRESS WITH RUFFLY SLEEVES, A ribbon wrapped around her small waist. Her nails are long and pink, her fingers long and delicate. Her hair is smooth and straight. There's a vanilla in her tall cup of barely coffee, and she drops her chin on her palm when she talks about failing in love for the first time. She was 15, she was 17, and every time, she remembers how he held her hand for the first time. It was love.

## REBEL WITHOUT A CLUE

*Patricia Evangelista*

She's now a lesbian, although when she was first 17 years ago, the doctor said she was crazy.

Sina is one of the co-founders of ETHOS, the founders of Transsexual Women of the Philippines. At 5:30 on a rainy Monday night, she sits on the green-cushioned benches of the dining area a compadre to.

There are four terms to understand, says the girl in blue dress. First: gender assignment, the legal one, the male/female box that the doctor ticks after the birth certificate. Second: gender identity—the gender felt, the gender "you believe yourself to be." Third: gender expression—the outward manifestation of gender, the clothes, the hair, the flick of the wrist, the swing of the hip or the manly gait. Fourth: gender preference—who a person is attracted to, romantically and sexually.

The transsexual, says Sina, is the person with a gender identity opposite to the gender assignment. Transsexualism is a medical term, which is why many of them prefer to be called transsexuals.

Sina says tommy (referred to linear gender) if a man man believes himself a man, dress male, and love a female. There are many permutations to gender, she says, and is herself a transsexual lesbian male lesbian trans and various trans-lesbians. She does other collectors' buttons and leather pony on sidewalks, hair, tandem, and purple leather large purses from CMC (I got them on sale. What's your shoe size?).

Three days before her birthday, on the eve of ETHOS's anniversary, Sina was in bed with a man she had met in Ayala Mall, on the third level of Greenbelt 2. It was a hotel day night. She wore a short black dress, and high heels, and for the way to the bar.

The lessons stopped there as she remembers. He said they never proceed inappropriately. Sina says otherwise. She says they were dressed decently and carefully. Perhaps he meant they were dressed like women.

Sina insisted on seeing the manager. They let her in, but it took them half an hour to believe she was not a party. Sina asked why she and her friends were being kept away.

Miss Claire, says Sina, was sympathetic, even respectful. She explained that "people like them" were not allowed into the bar every Friday and Saturday. She said that there was an agreement with all the bars in Greenbelt 2, Greenbelt 3, Glorietta, and Eddi Rotunda, and Ayala Cinco, owners of the Greenbelt complex.

The reason for the policy she was told, was that many homosexuals were harassed when they were seen coming outside here drinking that "people like them" were real women. Sina called them discriminatory. The manager said that it was their "choice" to implement the policy.

Sina left the bar. Her friend, already drunk, told her to forget it, and said that it was OK, there are other bars, and that they were probably just afraid of their size. Sina was angry. She walked back to her hotel, and asked the manager why she was being kept—discriminated in her own city—outside—and why I—I—was being treated like a thing. Like a freak. Like a fool. The manager asked her to speak decently. Sina sobbed out.

"When Sam tells her story now for some reason shell. 'Grateful.'"

Sina went home, to her tall wide she-wi seats and white walls, to the small room where she keeps her computer and clothes, long dresses under a grate from the United king dom. She could not sleep, could not forget, so she sat down and wrote a letter, the same open letter that is now circulating in blogs and e-mails. She sent it to Miss Claire and to the manager, and to Ayala Land Inc.

The letter sparked a quarrel in Ethos Research, that no body can make you feel inferior without your consent. "My friends and I have been made to feel inferior approximately five hours before I set out that letter. I'd like to convey this feeling to the generational ing but there is no more space on a transsexual's."

She apologized for saying in the Claires, but it is the only thing apologize about the letter.

"The letter was a way for them to raise this concern. But is there any reliable legislation to address the issue? Legally check, there is no unified transsexual law in the country. And if you're discriminated, there seems to be a system that you're supposed to blame yourself for bringing such an unfortunate situation."

It was a short letter, but Sina says it was longer before she cut it down.

"I am sending for myself. I am sounding for people like me. I am speaking up because I, am, very tired of that incident. My hair have long endured this kind of resistance for the coming through.

"People like us would like us be treated just like any other human being. Just like those foreigners who complained about our country's treatment of them.

"You know the irritant and ethical thing to do. Stop discrimination in your establishments."

The letter rotating, Sina walked over to Rustic, finishing her bottle. She was tired. She was sleepy. She wanted to go home. She could not even believe reading the letter. The managers said she was hoping to see him again, because she had a sleepless night, and would not understand why she would do such a thing. "I wanted to be heard," says Sina.

Miss Claire said that the policy was a result of a security briefing about crime prevention in Greenbelt that included pamphlets and procedures.

Sina says a letter to Ayala, and got an immediate call from Ayala Property Management Corp. They were sorry and—the morning, they reiterated what they told her initially, that they do not tolerate discrimination in their premises, that they don't bar "transvestites" in their premises, how-ever-ed they are the word transgender. They also lifted their policy about entry of transsexuals. Sina says that they did not apply specifically to transgenders, but all employees individuals. They admitted, Sina claims, that immediately repealing letting a transgender to being a sex worker is wrong. Ayala Land Inc. was left to wonder how many Sinas' egos does a transsexual life survive. "They actually listened to me."

Their other name after the meeting: "... We empathize with you .... We wish to clarify that we do not have any agreement whatsoever with the Malls in the exclusive invitations to our tenants to prohibit transsexuals from entering their Malls. Rest assured that we have issued your recommendations and will brief our merchants to be more sensitive in screening customers to prevent the occurrence of the same incident."

The girl in blue dress is a student at the Polytechnic University of the Philippines, where she took College Mathematics. "I laugh, and I believe that real goodness of the classes all a matter of how it has old school attributes, think plates, a white shirt and leather shoes... and the same with valedictorian."

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A documentary called "My Sassy Girl" about Sina Sass will air today at 3:30 p.m. on ABC3 "Positively," along with other stories about other rebels who discuss civil rights.

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Send comments to <patricia.evangelista@gmail.com>

# A man in the kitchen

## AT LARGE

*Erna Fonacier-David*

THE BEEN A LONG TIME JUDY ANN SANTOS. but, but that's not the reason I think the kitchen being thrown her way for the Metrobix public service ad will stir not just grossly unfair but downright unfair.

Since when has it been illegal—or unethical—for a celebrity to commit to a spokesperson for a product or company? Were it so, then we should demand that all those TV-celebrity and print ads, those banners, billboards and posters featuring the likes of Sen. Bog Edu, KC, Sharon, Kim, Dingdong and even announcer Chariz must be pulled out, run down, and the endorsement deals cancelled. Of course, the reasons may be evening a more lucrative, more visible personalities have always been paid for backing both fame, names and popularity to sell anything from vinegar to bath supplements. Nobody seems to mind, from of all us, the dumbness of the public service announcements featuring celebrities.

I imagine a TV inquirer where Atty. Lorraine, who has managed "Juday" more her name in close bit, and the reporter that Ali Sanosa was sounding by the Commission on Elections (Comelec) for the post held by Finn Philippine (holdings). I would hope that Juday really believed in what she was saying, but even if she was merely reading from a script, that's her business. Our concern as media consumers is whether the message is clear. So is hers to judge whether Judy Ann's message is credible.

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If Judge's and Rhodora's critics are more cyber-savvy than the rest of the country's 40 million Internet users, they would think that's only because the kids are succeeding. If they had fallen flat and were interviewed with scorn, I don't think Rhodora Garcia would have given a rat's a— about them, much less a moment's thought. Her agency Agencies Creative and Campaign (ACC) is one step Juday's project for months going on.

Now, in response to the Judy Ann spot, Garcia said that the problem is not where it's made, only speculation centering on Manny Pacquiao as another spokesperson, just as unacceptable and believable a huge segment of the population.

**But while there's nothing wrong with Judy Ann getting paid for her services, there's something** fishy about Comelec's decision to tap her. Not because she's not qualified

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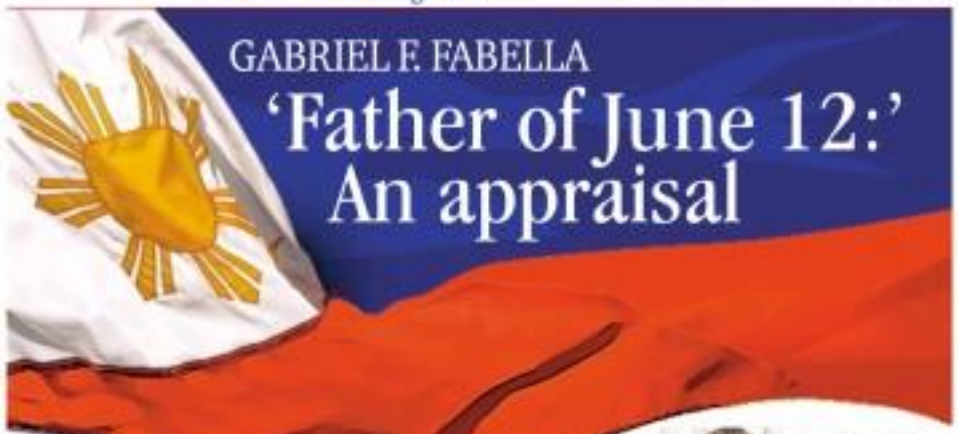

## GABRIEL F. FABELLA
# 'Father of June 12:' An appraisal

By Ricardo R. Esquejo

THIS MONTH MARKS TWO EVENTS OF NATIONAL importance. One was the commemoration of the 110th Philippine Independence Day on June 12 and the other is the celebration of the University of the Philippines Centennial on June 18.

Most Filipinos do not know that 2008 also marks the 113th birth anniversary of an academician, who is known as the "Father of June 12," He was Gabriel F. Fabella.

While serving as chair of UP Department of History and Acting Director of UP Clark Air Base Branch 50 (now Extension), he made a valuable contribution to the first event.

### Nationalist gesture

In 1962, President Diosdado Macapagal, father of the incumbent President, moved the date of Philippine Independence from July 4 to June 12. This nationalist gesture strengthened the fact that before the infamous Treaty of Biak of 1899, there was an independent Philippine Republic in the wake of the 1896 Revolution that ended Spanish colonial rule.

The American colonial government had dated the date of our formal separation from the United States in 1946 to fall on the date of the US Independence Day, perhaps to remind Filipinos of this ties binding us to Americans.

### Youth activism

Macapagal's action in 1962 was an indication of the changing political temper in that decade where the youth in the colleges and universities were beginning to be concerned with national identity. It also made him wear the distinction of being a nationalist president.

Since then, Macapagal had been commended for his well-deserved decision. However, it would be unfair and unjust if Filipinos would not acknowledge the man who fired the opening salvo in 1956 and tirelessly fought and campaigned for June 12 as the calendar project Independence Day.

### Inspiration

How did Fabella come to all?

In Celebrando Antiberis book, titled "Pitches of Independence Day," Fabella said his inspiration came from Emilio Aguinaldo himself.

He first met the first president of the republic here on Corregidor where he visited Aguinaldo's home in Kawit, Cavite in 1926. At 57 the way, his visits were more often, especially during the general's birthday celebrations. In 1953, he was justly responsible for Aguinaldo's conferment of a UP Doctor of Laws degree honoris causa. Eventually he never missed the solemnizing birthday celebrations of the old man and became accustomed to the Aguinaldo family.

### Octogenarian veterans

As years went by, Fabella still realized the lack of proper recognition due Aguinaldo for his valuable services to his country. When Fabella attended the June 12 celebrations in Kawit in 1964, he noticed the octogenarians were few of the revolutionists with the weight of years and sweating it out under the heat of the sun. It seemed to him that those living heroes deserved a better deal.

It was a disquieting fact that the people's interest in the importance of this date was declining. This was reflected in the absence of the invited speaker or the 1960 celebrations and the empty attendance in 1961.

To rouse do something, Fabella's campaign for the change of the independence celebrations from July 4 to June 12? That was the case. A year later, he began writing for the papers starting with the Philippine Collegian.

He made the UP date anniversary stream of his papers, but like any new and bold idea, some colleagues laughed it off. Undeterred, he said, "I will keep up the campaign until June 12 becomes the day for our independence celebrations."

### PHA resolution

In 1959, Fabella again served a resolution unanimously adopted by the Philippine Historical Association (PHA). The was ordered to a committee who had it published but its present printed form, but the basic arguments were unaltered. Here is the summary of his arguments favoring June 12 over July 4.

First, The United States does not celebrate its independence on the day its independence was recognized by England, but rather on the day the Americans declared their independence from Great Britain on July 4, 1776. American independence was only recognized on Sept. 3, 1783. Following American precedent, we should naturally adopt June 12 since it was on that day in 1898 that Philippine independence was declared.

Second, Philippine independence celebrations thus far are generally overlooked and forgotten by the rest of the world, falling as it does on the same day as that of the United States our celebrations are overshadowed by those of the United States.

Third, in determining the date of the granting of independence to the Philippines, the Filipino people had little or nothing to do with the fixing of the date. As a matter of fact, they really cared little for the date. All they wanted was independence irrespective of the exact day.

### Thanksgiving Day

Now that we are a sovereign nation we are entitled to fix our independence celebrations and, as Fabella insisted, the most logical date is June 12. In mind, July 4 can be declared Thanksgiving Day as the Filipino people's recognition of the good done by the United States, he said.

Other interested people such as former Education Secretary Alejandro Roces and Rep. Ramon Mitra Jr. helped Fabella's campaign. Aguinaldo, who was then installed of the campaign, responded his will, unconditional and enthusiastic support. Unfortunately the resolution was not given attention the following two years.

### Proclamation No. 28

Fabella's long wait however when Macapagal signed Proclamation No. 28 on May 12, 1962. The proclamation moved the date of independence from July 4 to June 12. It also declared June 12, 1962 a special public holiday.

Following this was the signing of Republic Act No. 4166 on Aug. 4, 1964. It states that the June 12 declaration be the official Independence Day, while July 4 is the Philippine Republic Day. Since then, the day of independence has been celebrated on June 12.

Macapagal's proclamation stirred protest and incited in the beginning of many. The celebration at Luneta on June 12, 1962 was splendid. Aguinaldo himself was the honored guest. During the occasion, plays about the events that happened during the declaration of independence in 1898 were staged.

### Ready to die

Half a million Filipinos viewers witnessed this. The PHA also celebrated the occasion. A gathering was held at Classical Hall in the CSSP building on Arroceros Street in Manila on June 11, 1962. Two years later, Aguinaldo died, fulfilled and happy at the age of 95.

It was only after the approval of R.A. No. 4166, a member of the PHA stunned Fabella by asking, "Well, Nilo, are you ready to die now?" The professor answered, "Yes, I am. If I had done nothing else but to change our independence celebration from July 4 to June 12, I shall die content."

His statement showed that he considered the change of the day of independence as his biggest success.

### Credit monopolized

Sadly, Macapagal monopolized the credit for it. After seeing Fabella's arguments, he neither recognized nor mentioned that someone from UP had done a decade of tireless campaign in changing the Independence Day celebrations from July 4 to June 12.

Moreover, Macapagal claimed that it was the Filipinos' at his very wish, idea, which he framed where he was still a congressman. He denied the allegation that his decision was an act of vengeance in the wake of the US disapproval of his proposed $73 million War Damages Bill.

Because of these statements, it can be said that the late president had selfishly claimed the full credit. As the then incumbent president, he carried impossibly the lifelong goal of an academician. In other words, he merely acted upon the idea of someone, like Andres Bonifacio realizing the idea of a revolution ignited by Rizal in his second novel.

### Holiday economics

Like his daughter, the incumbent President, who detestingly endorses unpopular measures for the sake of her holiday economics, Macapagal had ignored the effects of issuing decrees like Fabella. If President Macapagal accepts declaring June 8 a Monday, a non-working holiday as part of her holiday economics, he should have

# 'How do you celebrate if *tatay*'s not around?'

## Daughter of 'desaparecido' tells him how she feels in a letter

By Jerome Aning

HOW DO YOU CELEBRATE FATHER'S Day when your daddy has been missing for 16 months and you have no idea if he is still alive?

Lorena "Rye" Santos, 25, a human rights worker whose father was abducted in Cagayan de Oro City on Feb. 19, 2007, wrote down her feelings in a letter addressed to her absent tatay.

"I feel and I believe that he is still alive," Santos told the INQUIRER, sharing her sentiments about her missing father, Leo Velasco, a consultant of the unrecognized National Democratic Front of the Philippines to the stalled peace process with the government.

Her only "contact" with her father, she said, is through her dreams. Though infrequent, the dreams keep her hopeful that he would eventually be found.

"Most of my dreams about him are happy ones...the times we were together. There was none where he seemed to be bidding us goodbye. There's this scary one where he looked as if he had just been tortured and could barely stand because of his injuries," Santos recounted.

Being with other children whose parents have disappeared also helped her go on with her life, she said.

"I'm amazed by the effect of living with others who are also longing for their parents. We seem to sense values someone is depressed and then we all catch up to cheer him or her up," she said.

### Daddy's girl

Today, Santos and her brother, Francis Anthony, along with their relatives will hold a Father's Day lunch—reminiscent of the "food trips" they enjoyed as a family when Velasco was still around—at Camp Crame, where their mother, Elizabeth Principio, also an NDFP consultant, is detained.

Admitting she's a "daddy's girl," Santos said her father instilled in her independence, self-confidence and a sense of responsibility.

She also remembered the last time she talked to her father...she had a personal problem and they had a heart-to-heart talk.

"He did not say 'do this' or 'do that.' He said he trusted me and that I'll eventually succeed whatever decision I make. He said I was mature enough," she said.

A member of the staff of the human rights group Karapatan, Santos devotes part of her time looking for her father and working for his mother's release. Assisted by Karapatan lawyers, she and her brother have asked the Supreme Court to issue a writ of habeas corpus and a writ of amparo for their parents.

### Fearful witnesses

Hearings on their petitions are being conducted periodically at the Court of Appeals.

Santos blames the military for her father's disappearance. She said there were several people who witnessed the abduction but were too afraid to testify.

"I also learn from our military camp in the area looking for him," she said.

Santos said she was happy that her parents raised her and her brother aware of the realities of Philippine society, which made them understand and help in their own views.

### Father's influence

She said her father was a great influence and this was evident in her work at Karapatan, where she and other members voice out concerns on the rights of political detainees and the families of desaparecidos (the disappeared).

"My remember our father by honoring the principles he has been fighting for," Santos said.

She said the families of the disappeared find fulfillment not only by keeping the memory of their loved ones alive but by working to make sure that what happened to them would not happen to others.

A WALK IN THE PARK IN ITS CAGE A man carries his young son on his back as they enjoy the breeze and the green grass at the Cultural Center of the Philippines complex in Pasay City on the day before Father's Day. EDDIE MESA

# Pinoy kids of Japanese on way to acquiring dads' citizenship

By Cynthia D. Balana

A LANDMARK RULING BY JAPAN'S Supreme Court has paved the way for the grant of Japanese citizenship to all children born out of "unrecognized" Filipino mothers and Japanese fathers, the Department of Foreign Affairs said.

The Supreme high court, voting 12-3 on June 4, declared unconstitutional a provision in the Japanese Nationality Law that states that children of Filipino mothers and Japanese fathers born out of wedlock can only follow the citizenship of the mother.

The high court acted on the petition of 10 Japanese-Filipino children, aged between 8 and 16, who were born out of wedlock but were recognized by their Japanese fathers after they were born.

Under Japanese law, however, a Japanese father has to step forward before the birth in order for a child to be entitled to Japanese citizenship.

Among the petitioners who challenged the constitutionality of the citizenship clause was Hisanori Tajima, 16, who hopes to become a Japanese police officer someday.

Despite having lived in Japan all her life, Minami is not entitled to Japanese citizenship because her father only recognized her after her birth. However, her sister, Naomi Sato, 6, has Japanese citizenship because their father recognized her as his child while she was still in her mother's womb.

Rosanna Tajima, 43, their mother, and other Filipino mothers and their children, aided by Japanese lawyers led by Hiromi Kondo, filed suit in 2005.

In 2007, the Tokyo District Court ruled in their favor, ruling that the clause found in the Nationality Law "eliminates the constitutional right to equality" and puts the plaintiffs at "an immense disadvantage."

However, the Tokyo high court overturned the district court's ruling, stating that the division to grant citizenship is "an inherent right of the state."

The case was elevated to the national tribunal.

In overturning the Tokyo high court, the Supreme Court of Japan ruled that the provision in the law resulted in "discrimination without any rational reason" and thus violated Article 14 of the Japanese Constitution, which stipulates equality under the law.

In finding unlawful the clause requiring that the parents be married, the ruling noted: "The disadvantages caused to the children by this biased treatment cannot be disregarded."

According to the children's lawyer, officials of the Ministry of Justice and the Diet are expected to hold a meeting to begin talks on revising the Nationality Law to grant full citizenship to children in similar situations, estimated to number in the tens of thousands, both in Japan and in the Philippines.

Philippine Ambassador to Japan Domingo L. Siazon Jr. welcomed the landmark ruling as a positive step towards improving the plight of thousands of Japanese-Filipino children and hoped that the registration process can be done soon and quickly.

"I also hope that the Filipino mothers of these children may also be allowed to come to Japan to be with their children in their formative years and assist in their education," Siazon said.

# Founder of British charity in Manila cited by Queen

THE FOUNDER OF A BRITISH CHARITY IN the Philippines who rallied volunteers to send aid researching about the plight of poor children and their families living in Manila's notorious dump community has been made a Member of the British Empire (MBE) by Queen Elizabeth II on the occasion of the Queen's official birthday on June 14.

The British Embassy in Manila said the awardee, Jane Walker founded the Philippine Community Project (PCP) in 1998 after a visit to the Philippines made her aware of the families struggling to survive in squatter colonies in public cemeteries and garbage dumps.

It said the MBE was based on merit for achievement and exceptional service, highlighting "the use of work that is done beyond one's usual sphere" what sociologists expected of one's peer group in terms of achievement.

The PCP began by targeting the youngest ones in the cemeteries and building a daycare center to look after their health and social needs. In the past decade, the PCP has expanded to the Tondo district and Barobo cities.

The PCP introduced a holistic program that combined nutrition, education and livelihood for parents, with a strong business rights and social protection orientation.

Walker was surprised to receive the award, saying how efficient she could not have succeeded without the commitment of her colleagues and the support of other people from the local government, the dance community and the British Embassy in Manila.

"I feel incredibly proud to receive the award but I also feel somewhat undeserving. The unsung heroes of the work that I began have not been attributable to all my years efforts," Walker said in a statement released by the embassy.

British Ambassador Peter Sheringham and his wife, Jill, said they considered themselves among the unsung advocates of the PCP's work, raising the profile and generating support for the organization within the United Kingdom's foreign and Commonwealth Office and the wider diplomatic community.

"Jane's touch has involved many lives, not just of the children and families she is helping, but also of the volunteers and friends of PCP who are witnesses to her dedication and compassion. The honor is certainly well-deserved," Sheringham said.

The PCP's work is made possible by a UK-based child sponsorship program which in 2007 had over 500 families from the UK participating.

Later this year, the PCP will open the world's first school made out of recycled cementine shopping cans at Smokey Mountain in Tondo, Manila, a state of the art facility made possible by volunteer architects and engineers from the squatter community in the Philippines. *Cynthia D. Balana*


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Prof. Lopez is concurrently the President of the University of Makati and a director of the UP Alumni Association. Secretary of the Department of Agriculture and formerly the Chairman of Sea-Oil.

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Dr. Monte is the architect of reform-geared banking programs for the UNDP, among them the Masters in Entrepreneurship and the Masters in Development Management. Aside from being the Chairman of ACE-MC, Dr. Monte is currently the President of the Asia-Pilot Realty Corporation. He is the author of various books in strategy, finance and entrepreneurship.

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# DOH: Give more blood more often

SAYING THERE WAS A GAP IN THE COUNtry's blood supply, the Department of Health has exposed the public to donate more blood more often.

In a statement marking World Blood Donor Day yesterday, Health Secretary Francisco Duque III said donors should give blood at least twice a year in order for the country's blood banks to have an adequate supply.

He said some first-time blood donors did not come back and do not donate again.

"The challenge here is not just to ask people who have not donated yet to donate but to encourage them to return and donate again," Duque said.

The DOH National Capital Region office said that of the 251,107 new donors in Metro Manila last year, 22,267 returned to give blood again.

"If this becomes a trend, then we might face a big problem of shortage in our blood supply system," Duque said.

According to the DOH's National Voluntary Blood Services Program, one person in 100 (1%) of the country's population should be in the outreach pool of voluntary blood donors. The agency said the figure would produce 900,000 units of blood per year. But last year, the DOH only collected 530,495 blood units.

Duque reminded the public that giving blood not only benefitted the recipients, but had positive health effects on the donors.

"Giving blood is like giving the most precious gift to another person—the gift that will heal the sick, the gift that will energize the given, the gift that will preserve life. We do not lose blood when we give some because blood regenerates itself. As we donate blood, we refill our bodies with new and fresher blood," Duque said.

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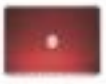

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# Filipino professor in Hawaii gets trans-Pacific honors

AQUINO

DR. BELINDA A. AQUINO, a Filipino professor at the University of Hawaii and a trailblazer of community in the Philippines, has been given two distinguished awards by the University of the Philippines and the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

She will receive the 2008 UP Alumni Association Lifetime Distinguished Achievement Award on June 21 at the Antonio Calleon in Quezon City during the UP-NA general alumni-only homecoming and reunion. Two other distinguished awardees are Supreme Court Justice Lenaro Lucinao Bautista and Mari Cecile Rogers, Giant Junior Stymatic Puno will receive the Most Distinguished Alumnus award.

Aquino is also the 2008 recipient of the Pearl Iris and Elizabeth Carr Ching Foundation Award for Faculty Service to the Community at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. The annual award "recognizes an outstanding faculty member who has made significant contributions that strengthen the bonds between the community and university."

The award committee selected Aquino for her work in Hawaii and as "a consistent, competent and reliable source of information, advice and analysis on vital issues of concern to the community including immigration, human rights, labor and employment, higher education, Philippine-American relations, women and education, Filipinos and Philippine history, culture and society as covered diverse groups in the community."

She was also appointed by the governor of Hawaii a commissioner to the statewide Commission on the Hawaii Filipino Centennial in 2006 and has received a special commendation from the Hawaii state legislature.

Aquino will receive $5,000 monetary gift from the University of Hawaii Foundation and will be recognized at a formal ceremony on Sept. 5.

Aquino has been connected with the University of Hawaii at Manoa for the past 33 years as a professor of Political Science and Asian Studies and as founding director of the Center for Philippine Studies, the only such institution in mainland locally.

She has been Visiting Professor at the Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Visiting Scholar at Kansai University in Osaka, Japan; Visiting Research Fellow at Singapore's Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, and lecturer in various universities in Japan, Indonesia and Thailand. An internationally recognized authority on contemporary Philippine politics and society, due to the influx of numerous publications including "Politics of Plunder: The Philippines Under Marcos," which has been translated into Japanese.

In 1990-91, she was vice president for public affairs of UP during the presidency of Dr. Jose V. Abueva. She was in charge of the alumni and information programs of UP and represented the university at various international conferences in ASEAN and Asia. Before going to Hawaii, she was a faculty member at the UP College of Public Administration, now the National College of Public Administration and Governance.

She obtained her Bachelor of Arts in English degree from UP, her title is Doctor of Science at the University of Hawaii as an East-West Center scholar, and her Ph.D. in Political Science and Southeast Asian Studies from Cornell University as a Ford Foundation fellow.

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**MEDICAL DEVICES CONTAINING DEHP PLASTICIZED PVC**

This is to inform the public regarding medical devices made of polyvinylchloride (PVC) containing bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP).

DEHP is a type of plasticizer commonly used to soften PVC. DEHP is the preferred phthalate for medical devices because it remains flexible at low temperatures and is compatible with the high temperatures used during sterilization. DEHP could be released when the device is heated or when the DEHP plasticized PVC is in contact with fluid.

Examples of medical devices using DEHP plasticized PVC are the following:

- intravascular (IV) bags and tubing
- umbilical artery catheters
- blood bags and infusion tubing
- endotracheal feeding tubes
- nasogastric tubes
- peritoneal dialysis bags and tubing
- tubing used in cardiopulmonary bypass procedures
- tubing used in extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO)
- tubing used during hemodialysis

In laboratory studies, DEHP has been shown to have an effect on the reproductive systems of rats and mice. At high dose levels, DEHP affects the developmental reproductive system and the production of normal sperm in young rats and mice. However, several studies using monkeys have shown that, at extremely high dose levels, DEHP has no effect on the reproductive organs of monkeys.

The United States Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH) examined the potential risk of intravenous (IV) solutions by comparing the dose of DEHP that patients might receive during various procedures to a "hypothetical threshold" value for the compounds. The following procedures have been identified as posing the highest risk of exposure to DEHP:

- exchange transfusions in neonates
- ECMO in neonates
- total parenteral nutrition in neonates (still made of PVC bag)
- multiple procedures in one neonates (high cumulative exposure)
- hemodialysis in neonates
- hemodialysis in pregnant or lactating women
- special nutrition for neonates and adults
- heart-lung bypass in neonates, infants (open graft surgery aggregate dose)
- massive infusion of blood into trauma patient
- transfusion in adults undergoing ECMO

Phthalates is found almost everywhere. Non-medical examples are: building materials (wallpaper, flooring), upholstery, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, detergents, food packaging, automobiles, computers, vanes, sleeping materials and insecticides. Thus, everyone is exposed to small levels of phthalates through direct contact and use, inevitably through ingesting from other products, or from general environmental contamination.

The Bureau of Health Devices and Technology of the Department of Health has the following advice to the public:

A. To persons should not avoid or overreact medical procedures solely because of the possibility of health risks associated with DEHP exposure.

B. Persons who have alternatives (such as ethylene vinyl acetate, silicon, polyurethane or polyolefins) for IV bags, tubing, platelet storage, catheters, etc. are now available. Health care facilities are advised to use these PVC free products when the high risk procedures involving these products are to be performed, especially on the most sensitive groups, such as male neonates, pregnant women who are nursing, male fetuses and prepubertal males.

The BHDT is currently reviewing its existing regulations regarding these products to determine how to further protect the public. For any queries please call the BHDT at telephone numbers (+63 2) 743-0301 loc. 3402, 3403.

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# DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM
## No. 2008 - 0111

**TO : ALL DIRECTORS AND REGULATORY OFFICERS OF THE BUREAU OF HEALTH FACILITIES AND SERVICES AND THE CENTERS FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT, AND OTHERS CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT : Standards and Technical Requirements for the Licensure and Regulation of Ambulatory Surgical Clinics Providing Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery**

The Department of Health (DOH) is constitutionally mandated to protect and promote the health of the people including oral health. In pursuance to mandate, the DOH issued Administrative Order No. 1997-0033 dated December 10, 2003, known as "Rules and Regulations Governing the Licensure and Regulation of Ambulatory Surgical Clinics".

Pursuant to Section 11 of the Administrative Order, ambulatory surgical clinics shall be classified according to services provided as performed by the different surgical specialties, and the criteria for the classification and technical requirements shall be incorporated in the regulation hereto be formulated by the Bureau of Health Facilities and Services (BHFS) in consultation with various stakeholders. The BHFS shall likewise be responsible for the monitoring and evaluation of the said specific facility groups and subsequent to the regulation hall for ambulatory surgical clinic.

The regulation Tool shall be made available to the general public by posting in the DOH official website (**www.doh.gov.ph**).

For information and compliance.

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# ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
## No. 2008-0016

**SUBJECT : Revised Rules and Regulations Governing the Registration and Licensure of Dental Laboratories in the Philippines**

I. **Rationale**

In Conference 1992 for Health at the Implementation Framework for Lasting in the Philippines. The main objectives of the regulatory reforms is to extend assurance to quality and affordable products, services, facilities and services, especially those most commonly used by the poor.

The Department of Health is constitutionally mandated to protect and promote the health of the people including oral health. In pursuance to mandate, Department Services Inc. filed, "Providing for the Registration and Licensing of Dental Prosthetic Laboratories", was issued on June 11, 1979. To implement this decree, the DOH formulated the rules and regulations, 1980-1981 to govern operations and the services of dental prosthetic laboratories expected. Consistent with Executive Order No. 102 dated May 24, 1999, "Redirecting the Functions and Operations of the Department of Health (DOH) in Response to Devolution and Local Government Code", and Administrative Order No. 29-1, 2002 and Administrative Order No. 169-1, 2002, both known as "Revised Rules and Regulations Governing the Registration, Licensure of Dental Laboratories in the Philippines", the DOH is tasked to set standards. The Bureau of Health Facilities and Services, the main instrumentality of the DOH responsible for setting and maintaining standards for health facilities/units of health facilities, is amending A.O. No. 29-1, 2002 and A.O. No. 169-1, 2002.

II. **Objectives**

These rules and regulations are promulgated in order to or strengthen the regulatory policy that will protect the public health and at the same time enhance the safety and welfare of the community, to ensure high competence among laboratories and to provide guidance in technology of dental laboratories.

III. **Scope**

The rules and regulations shall apply to any person, firm, corporation or entity, whether government or private, operating and maintaining dental laboratories.

However, the following are not covered by these rules and regulations or dental laboratories in private clinics for teaching and training, (c) those solely for manufacturing illegal parts or accessories in dentures making.

IV. **Definition of Terms**

For purposes of the rules and regulations, the following definitions are provided:

A. BHFS – refers to the Bureau of Health Facilities and Services, the licensing and regulatory arm of the DOH.

B. DOH – refers to the Department of Health Development, the regional office of the DOH.

C. DOH – refers to the Department of Health.

D. FPC – refers to the Professional Regulation Commission.

E. Dentist – a person who is a holder of valid certificate of registration and professional identification card, and who practices dentistry as defined by law within the meaning and intent of the Act, duly issued by "The Philippine Dental Act of 1995", and its Rules and Regulations.

F. Dental Technician – a person who is a holder of valid certificate of registration and professional identification card, and who renders technical services within the meaning and intent of R.A. No. 8484, known as "The Philippine Dental Act of 1995", and its Rules and Regulations.

G. Laboratory Technician – a person who renders technical services in a dental laboratory under the supervision of a dentist/dental surgeon.

H. Dental Laboratory – the dental prosthetic laboratory or dental appliances prescribed by the dentist to be installed in the patient's mouth and surrounding tissues, dental impressions, bite wax and bite registrations, and recommended shades for the restoration of the patient's dentition.

I. Dental Laboratory – an establishment engaged in making, preparing, repairing, or altering dental prosthetic appliances which are prescribed by the dentist, given back to the dentist, and installed in the patient's mouth. It includes laboratory partnership or a dental prosthetic laboratory.

J. Dentist – the holder of a valid certificate of registration and professional identification card, who practices the various services in a dental laboratory.

K. Appliances – artificial dentures used to rehabilitate the shape of the jaws, bring back proper occlusion and improve appearance, restore natural teeth, or replace missing teeth and surrounding tissues.

L. Denturist – artificial substitutes for missing teeth and adjacent tissues.

M. Dental Technician – a person who is a holder of valid certificate of registration and professional identification card, who renders technical services in a dental laboratory under the supervision of a dentist/dental surgeon.

N. Dentures – artificial substitutes for missing teeth and adjacent tissues.

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V. Denturist – artificial substitutes for missing teeth and adjacent tissues.

V. **Guidelines**

A. General Guidelines

1. A business shall be issued to a dental laboratory that meets the standards and requirements set forth in these rules and regulations.
2. An inspection and, when applicable, the standards and personnel requirements in the services in (1), shall be the responsibility BHFS. It shall be created in DOH Administrative Order No. 29-1, 2002.
3. A planned dental equipment making, preparing, providing, or altering oral dental appliances which for his/her practice shall be exempted from becoming LTO. However, a business operating dental laboratory shall be required to either, dentist or laboratory or a dental laboratory through signage or publication shall be required to secure LTO.

B. Specific Guidelines

1. Classification of Dental Laboratories

1.1. Ownership

1.1.1. Private – provides certain established and operated with funds through voluntary principal, investment or other means, by any individual corporation, association or organization.

1.1.2. Government – operated and maintained publicly or wholly by a national, provincial, city, municipal or other political unit or any department, division, board or agency thereof.

1.2. Service Capability

1.2.1. Removable Prosthesis Services – fabrication and repair of dental prostheses that can be taken out in the mouth without the help of a dentist. Any of but not limited to, the following services is provided:

1.2.1.1. Complete dentures
1.2.1.2. Overdentures
1.2.1.3. Removable appliances
1.2.1.4. Temporary removable acrylic appliances

1.2.1.5. Removable partial dentures

1.2.1.5.1. Without metal framework

1.2.1.5.1.1. Conventional – acrylic partial denture (resin framework)

1.2.1.5.1.2. Flexible partials

1.2.1.5.2. With metal framework

1.2.1.5.2.1. With metal framework (continuous casting)

1.2.1.5.3. Special removable appliances

1.2.1.5.3.1. Myerlin facial prosthesis
1.2.1.5.3.2. Myerlin obturator removable appliances

1.2.1.5.4. Special removable appliances (without casting)

1.2.1.5.4.1. Myerlin facial prosthesis
1.2.1.5.4.2. Myerlin obturator removable appliances

1.2.2. Fixed Prosthesis Services – fabrication and repair of dental prostheses that are cemented in or cannot or artificial teeth that are fixed and artificial. The following services is provided:

1.2.2.1. Crown and Bridge

1.2.2.1.1. Without metal alloy substructure – metal-free crowns and bridges with ceramic, composites or resin

1.2.2.1.2. With metal alloy substructure – porcelain or resins fused to metal, or acrylic resin alloy

1.2.2.1.3. With metal alloy substructure – ceramics or resins fused to metal, or acrylic resin alloy (without casting)

1.2.2.2. Special Fixed Prostheses

1.2.2.2.1. Dental attachments
1.2.2.2.2. Implant-retained fixed prostheses

1.2.2.3. Special Fixed Prostheses (without casting)

1.2.2.3.1. Dental attachments
1.2.2.3.2. Implant-retained fixed prostheses

1.2.3. Removable and Fixed Prostheses Services – fabrication and repair of both removable and fixed dental prostheses, or combination of one of the aforementioned services is provided.

1.2.4. Limited Services – fabrication and repair of a specific dental prosthesis (prosthesis). Only one of the following services is provided:

1.2.4.1. Casting and framework soldering

2. Standards for a Dental Laboratory

2.1. Human Resources

2.1.1. A dentist in a dental technologist shall supervise the dental laboratory environment that it complies with the standards and requirements as set forth in these rules and regulations at all times.

2.1.2. There shall be an adequate number of dental technician – either a service technologist or a laboratory technician, and support personnel to perform the various services in the dental laboratory.

2.2. Equipment and Instruments

2.2.1. There shall be available and functional equipment and instruments for efficient, safe and hygienic operation of the dental laboratory.

2.2.2. There shall be written and observed procedure for proper maintenance of equipment and instruments.

2.3. Physical Plant

2.3.1. There shall be functional basic sanitation services provided that are clean, safe, well lighted and well ventilated.

2.3.1.1. Areas shall be reasonably free from dust, smoke, dust, gases and other air contaminants.

2.3.1.2. Areas shall be reasonably free from hazards to the life and safety of personnel and the public.

2.3.1.3. Areas shall be provided with sufficient illumination and air flow.

2.3.2. There shall be designated and separate areas for waiting, reception, and dental processing.

2.3.3. There shall be smooth and orderly flow of people and supplies.

2.3.4. The dental laboratory shall be segregated and strictly for its activities.

2.3.5. A clean laboratory is always free environment.

2.3.6. No pets or animals are allowed within the premises of the dental laboratory.

2.3.7. There shall be written and observed procedure for proper maintenance of physical plant.

2.4. Records

2.4.1. The dental laboratory shall maintain records of work instructions that are legible, dated and readily retrievable in a controlled environment to prevent damage, deterioration and loss.

2.5. Personnel Safety

2.5.1. Appropriate safety devices such as cleaning gloves, safety goggles, laboratory gown, face mask, dust respirator or air-purifying respirator shall be used.

2.6. Infection Control

2.6.1. There shall be written and observed procedure for infection control.

VI. **Procedural Guidelines**

A. Initial LTO

1. The applicant shall submit the following documentary requirements to the DOH:

**Notarized SOA Prescribed Application Form with:**

1.1. Latest Personnel
1.2. Latest Equipment Instrument
1.3. Receipt of LTO Picture of Owner, Dentist and/or Dental Technologist
1.4. Photocopy of PRC Certificate of Registration and PRC Identification Card of Dentist and/or Dental Technologist
1.5. Photocopy of Business/Mayor's Permit
1.6. Photocopy of Certificate of Training/Seminar of Work Experience
1.7. Photocopy of DTI/ SEC Registration (for private dental laboratory)
1.8. Photocopy of Articles of Incorporation (for government-owned laboratory)
1.9. Photocopy of Land Ownership Documents or Lease Contract
1.10. Laboratory lay-out with appropriate labels indicating areas of the dental laboratory and its activities in the work station

2. The applicant shall pay the non-refundable fees for registration and initial LTO, following the DOH-prescribed schedule of fees. If the DHO cannot implement through public accounting mode.
3. The DHO shall conduct inspection to determine compliance with the standards and technical requirements within 30 calendar days from receipt of complete application.
4. The DHO shall notify the applicant of its decision not later than 45 calendar days from receipt of complete application.
5. The applicant shall, in the inspection, duly noted during inspection within 30 calendar days from receipt of notice of deficiency.
6. The DHO shall issue the LTO upon full compliance to all requirements.

B. Monitoring

1. All dental laboratories shall be monitored without prior notice.
2. All dental laboratories duly shall make case conference in the DHO's conducting basis of pertinent records.
3. The BHFS monitoring team may be tasked to do a spot check monitoring report in the said test provided time.

C. Reporting

1. The BHFS shall formulate a standard reporting form.
2. The DHO shall submit to the BHFS a report of his/her site inspection reports and receipt of LTO in the form approved by the BHFS.
3. The DHO shall furnish the BHFS the following reports on the indicated data:

3.1. Annual Report of Licensed and Unlicensed Dental Laboratories and Technicians (Annex A) – every January 15th
3.2. Quarterly Report on Suspension/ Revocation/ Closure and Status (Annex B) – every last week of the 1st day of the following month

VII. **Implementing Mechanism**

A. Responsibilities of the BHFS

1. Publishes the list of licensed dental laboratories according to their categories/classifications and services rendered.
2. Assists the DHO in the inspection of dental laboratories.
3. Provides technical assistance to dental laboratories when necessary or requested.
4. Monitors dental laboratories at any given time within reasonable hours.
5. Coordinates with professional organizations and local government units for the enforcement of these rules and regulations.

B. Responsibilities of the DHO

1. Issues rules and revises of LTO.
2. Inspects dental laboratories at a set time to determine compliance with the standards and technical requirements.
3. Provides technical assistance to dental laboratories when necessary or requested.
4. Monitors dental laboratories at any given time within reasonable hours.
5. Suspends or revokes LTO.
6. Issues cease and desist order to unlicensed dental laboratories.
7. Coordinates with professional organizations and local government units for the enforcement of these rules and regulations.
8. Investigates complaints or charges filed by any person, organization duly or commissioned against a dental laboratory or its personnel.

C. Responsibilities of a dental laboratory

1. Ensures compliance with the standards and technical requirements as set forth in these rules and regulations at all times.
2. Ensures that the facility is adequately safe for dental laboratory activities.
3. Maintains a clean, safe and well-lighted working environment at all times.
4. Files and maintains original prescription/ job order/ work authorization signed by the dentist.
5. Ensures that the records are available for inspection and monitoring at all times.

D. Duties of the PRC through the Board of Dentistry

1. Acts on complaints against dentists and dental technologists.

E. Duties of Professional Organizations

1. Assist in handling complaints against dentists, dental technologists and dental laboratories.
2. Report unlicensed dental laboratories to the BHFS/ DHO.
3. Assist in enforcing these rules and regulations.

F. Duties of Local Government Units

1. Report unlicensed dental laboratories to the DHO.
2. Assist in enforcing these rules and regulations.

VIII. **Validity**

The LTO issued shall be valid for a period of three (3) years and subject to the provisionary cases.

IX. **Transitory Provision**

All existing dental laboratories in accordance to the date of effectivity of the Rules and Regulations of R.A. No. 8484:

1. Renewed of LTO in 2008, 2009 and 2010 shall be approved even when the dental technologist does not have a valid PRC Certificate of Registration and Identification Card, provided that he also applies with the PRC pursuant to Section 21 of the Dental Act of 1995 (R.A. No. 8484).
2. However, retroactive renewal of LTO in 2011 and beyond shall be granted only when the dental technologist meets the standards and requirements as set forth in these rules and regulations.

All rules dental laboratories licensed after the date of effectivity of the Rules and Regulations of R.A. No. 8484.

1. Initial LTO in 2008, 2009 and 2010 shall be approved even when the dental technologist does not have a valid PRC Certificate of Registration and Identification Card, provided that he also applies with the PRC pursuant to Section 21 of the Dental Act of 1995 (R.A. No. 8484).
2. However, retroactive renewal of LTO in 2011 and beyond shall be granted only when the dental technologist meets the standards and requirements as set forth in these rules and regulations.

X. **Violations**

Violations of P.D. 1046 and/or these rules and regulations, including the commission of the following acts by a person/s operating a dental laboratory or by personnel under their authority:

1. Any material/ case statement in the application;
2. Operating, managing or maintaining a dental laboratory without valid LTO or for more than one;
3. Refusal to allow proper for monitoring of the dental laboratory by persons authorized by the DOH/ BHFS or by the professional organizations;
4. Any person illegally practicing dentistry in the guise of fabricating dental appliances within the confines of the laboratory;
5. Employing dentists, dental technicians or orthodontic appliances like orthodontic technicians of making designs for public and consumption;
6. Employing unauthorized dentistries other than the licensed dental personnel;
7. Putting up misleading signboards of a dental laboratory;
8. Utilizing part of the facility for activities not related to dental laboratory operations.

XI. **Investigation of Complaints or Charges**

The DHO Director or his duly authorized representative shall investigate the complaints or charges filed against any dental laboratory or dental laboratory applicant or dental laboratory or its personnel. The DHO Director or his representative shall notify the owner of the complaint. A sworn investigation, a summons is issued by the provisions of P.D. 1046 and/or these rules and regulations. The DHO Director or his representative is empowered to administer oaths, issue subpoena, and other documents in connection with the investigation. The DHO Director or his representative shall submit a report to the Secretary of Health with his recommendation.

XII. **Revocation and Suspension of Licenses**

A LTO of whatever class/ penalty or reinstated shall be suspended or revoked by the DHO Director or his duly authorized representative after investigation. The DHO shall notify the dental laboratory concerned, or its personnel, (a) registered and the particulars reasons for the suspension and revocation of its license.

XIII. **Appeal**

Any dental laboratory or any of its personnel aggrieved by the decision of the DHO may appeal to the DOH Central Office within fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of the decision or notice of the DOH Director. The decision of the DOH Office of the Secretary shall be final and executory.

XIV. **Closure**

The DHO Director shall immediately order the closure of the facility without LTO and shall seek assistance of appropriate agency to effectively enforce the closure or compulsory closure.

XV. **Fees Provision**

Any person who violates any provision of P.D. 1046 and/or these rules and regulations shall be subjected to the imprisonment of not less than one month but not more than one year or a fine of not less than one thousand pesos (P1,000.00) but not more than one thousand pesos (P1,000.00) or both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

XVI. **Repealing/ Separability Clause**

Any administrative issuances, rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

In the event that any person, paragraph, sentence, clause or part of this Order is declared invalid for any reason, the other provisions thereof shall not be affected thereby.

XVII. **Effectivity**

These rules and regulations shall take effect fifteen (15) calendar days upon approval and publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

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Secretary of Health

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Across the NATION

# Lapid PTA stint tied to 2010 polls

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO appointed former Pampanga Gov. Mark Lapid to the Philippine Tourism Authority to rid her son, Rep. Juan Miguel "Mikey" Arroyo, of a rival in the 2010 congressional elections.

That supposed "political motivation" behind the Lapid shuffle is known to politicos and businessmen alike, according to two because sources in Pampanga.

"The sense is that it is meant to eliminate an opponent of Mikey" said one source, a government official.

The other source, an elected official, said the Mark Mikey scenario was a topic at the sidelights of the Independence Day rites in Manila on Monday.

Lapid's job at the PTA, as seeing general manager and chief executive officer, was earlier seen as a pushback to his father, Mayor Lito Lapid, who decided not to support Arroyo in the May elections.

### Intrigues

Arroyo dispelled talks on the alleged quid pro quo in 2010, saying there were words "swirling in intrigues."

"Mark can just quit his post and run. Nothing bars him from running for public office again," Arroyo said in a telephone interview.

Asked why the President chose the younger Lapid as PTA head, the young Arroyo said, "I don't know. That's not within my jurisdiction. My watch is on the second district of Pampanga."

Some Pampanga leaders questioned Lapid's qualifications and noted the alleged disorganization in the collection of quarry revenues during his stint as provincial boss from 2004 to 2007.

The Lapids have declared interviews were not made, sending watch through their family friend that the younger Lapid would "do his best" in his new job.

### Focused?

Arroyo said he was "very focused" on his work as chair of the House energy committee.

He was sponsoring on Tuesday a bill on renewable energy sources, which the President has certified as urgent.

Arroyo is on his second term as Pampanga representative. He said he was looking forward to a third term in 2010 but added, "We don't know where the political wind will take us."

Local business leaders known to be close to Arroyo had been stocking as early as March the prospect of building him to the governorship race against Governor Eddie Panlilio, a Catholic priest on leave who defeated the younger Lapid and former Board Member Lilia Pineda in the May 2007 polls.

A Pampanga lawmaker said Lubao Mayor Dennis Pineda, Lilia Pineda's son, would benefit from the move to keep Lapid in the PTA.

### Pineda vs Arroyo?

Now on his third and last term as mayor, Pineda can either face off with Arroyo in the congressional race or get it with little effort should Arroyo choose to run for governor.

Arroyo had easily won the past two congressional races, in 2004, he was ranged against Bonbong Lapid, the senator's older brother. In 2007, he caught the disqualification of Ib Juan Ilibamdamon, his later opponent, Rosalia Dimpas, Inquirer Central Luzon

THE LAPID father-and-son tandem. TONETTE LAGUILLES/INQUIRER

## Esperon urged to help bring MILF, gov't back to talks

COTABATO CITY—THE MORO Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) has appealed to former Armed Forces chief, now presidential adviser on the peace process, Hermogenes Esperon Jr. to help in the formal the resumption of stalled peace talks.

The talks hit a snag in December over the issue of territory when the government insisted that the scope of the Bangsamoro Juridical Entity (BJE) should be limited to depend on a plebiscite, which would have be called for the purpose.

During a meeting with Esperon here on Friday, Taha Ibrahim, chair of the MILF scientific committee, said they believe that Esperon could help a lot to bring back the talks on track.

"We are looking forward to the resumption of the stalled talks, the sooner it would be, the better for all the stakeholders," Ebrahim told reporters after the meeting.

Esperon, who will formally assume the role of presidential adviser on peace affairs on Monday, said his meeting with the MILF leadership was part of his "familiarization with the key players and stakeholders of the Mindanao peace process."

"I am just taking advantage of these meetings before I start my work," he said.

Aside from the MILF he also talked with Muslims from other Islamic liberation of the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF).

Informed about the MILF's desire to fix the immediate resumption of talks, Esperon said that it was also his priority.

He said he also talked with Ebrahim about the peace process and he pledged to personally bring the MILF request to the attention of the President.

Esperon said he believed the conflict in Mindanao has taken its toll "on all of us."

"The conflict in Mindanao has affected the entire progress of the country," he said.

Esperon, who once headed the military said that ousted President Joseph Estrada's Camp Abelli Calixto in 2000, said because of this belief, he had become "one of the major framers and advocates of the existing government policy and paradigm that puts primacy on the peace process."

The Philippine military has shifted paradigm and it helped a lot in consolidating the situation as compared to previous years," he said.

But Esperon acknowledged that the relative peace Mindanao has been enjoying for the past months now may also due to the preoccupation of the international community, particularly by the International Monitoring Team. Edwin Fernandez, Inquirer Mindanao

**FOOD FOR THE GODS**
Bugan priests, or "mumbaki," offer pigs to the gods during ritual means to ask for good harvests and ward off evil spirits.

## Group says detained militant bore torture signs

CEBU, DAVAO, LAGUNA—THE Bayanmuna leader earlier reported missing, who he was abducted by government soldiers last Tuesday, is now detained at the Laguna provincial jail in the capital Santa Cruz and bore signs of torture, according to the Southern Tagalog human rights group Karapatan.

Reynaldo Lagunay III, secretary-general coordinator of Bayanmuna in Sta Rosa town, suffered several contusions, burns in a leg, wound in the lips, and injuries in the face while in captivity, said Dodi Cuesta, secretary general of Karapatan-Laguna.

Cuesta said Lagunay, who is facing charges of illegal possession of firearms and multiple frustrated murder, was abducted by the Army last June 15 in Barangay Lamesa, Sta Rosa, Carmen town in Laguna.

An Army official, however, denied the charges of torture and abduction.

"The statement of Karapatan on the issue of an alleged abduction is earnest to hide Lagunay's membership in the Ilaw Pandak Army. In fact, the raiming gun bottle occurred in a cozy resorts next to Kalayaan municipality and not Carmen," said Capt. Jerry Gamosinlao Jr., 202nd Infantry Brigade (ibf)-military spokesman of the Philippine Army in Laguna.

He said that after the soldiers captured Lagunay following the armed encounter "he was very aggressive" and kept firing at soldiers in a bid to escape earlier.

"Our soldiers opted to apply sufficient force to immobilize him instead of firing a shot that would have killed him," explained Gamosinlao Jr.

Cuesta said the family of Lagunay will file a case at the Commission of Human Rights and a motion to quash the charges filed against him by government authorities. Rowena Paraan, Inquirer Southern Luzon

## Gov't to turn high schools into IT labs

LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET—THE government is bent on making the country's public high schools as training laboratories to address the growing demand for skilled workers in the communication technology industry, according to Commission on Information and Communications Technology officials.

CICT chair Ray Anthony Roxas-Chua III, said the government is allowing P1 million for every public high school selected to join the commission's "Computer for Public High Schools" project or skilled Project (Skills one).

"This is a form of public service, instead of bringing the digital divide and making our young students globally competitive," he said.

CICT Commissioner Shinichi Ito and Embassy of Japan Minister Hiroshi Takahashi were also present during the launching of the project at the Benguet State University high school campus here.

The schools, together with Baguio City Technical High School and 16 Ilocos school sites in Baguio City, are among the 320 public schools in the country that initially benefited from the program.

CICT also said school 21 computer complete with a refurbished Internet access for system.

The School Project would also ensure teachers to upgrade them on the digital and web aspects of computer technology.

Chua said CICT would bring the School Project to at least 2,000 of the country's more than 5,000 public high schools in the next few years.

Ibalmas said the biggest problem that hount today's education and industries is the lack of communication between schools and industry leaders, resulting to the industry leaders to complain that the industries actually needed in terms of learning and skills.

"Despite more than half a million graduates last year, we were not still able to supply manpower to 200,000 jobs available in the industry today," he said.

In fact, he said, for every 100 graduates in the country today, only five are readily available.

"The very sight of our education could be attributed to lack of communication skills, lack of confidence in speaking the English language and below par information technology skill," he said. Bernie Cordeo, Inquirer Northern Luzon

## 'Cosme' drove 'bangus' into Ilocos Norte seas, markets

LAOAG CITY, PHILIPPINES—If someone tells you a newly caught Pangasinan bangus (milkfish) in Ilocos Norte, do not be surprised.

This is because the milkfish that had escaped from the pens, cages and ponds in Pangasinan during a month ago swam up north and had reached Ilocos Norte's coastal areas, according to a fishery official.

"Mangitod lichet sana in Ilocos Norte, nit still catching bangus there the are gone strong" said Hector Domondon, regional director of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources.

"And for sure, those are from areas like Sual, Anda and Alaminos City," he said.

The three Pangasinan towns and city were among the Ilocos provincial areas in the province that reported heavy losses in fishery during the onslaught of tropical storm "Cosme" on May 27.

Bangus ponds in Binmaley, Dagupan City, Lingayen and Mangaldan were also wiped out by the storm, allowing bangus to escape to the sea.

The Office of the Provincial Agriculturist here reported that bangus worth at least P1.2 billion were lost.

But what aquaculture lost were another's gain for small fishermen, Domondon said.

He said after the storm, fishermen along the Lingayen Gulf caught bangus and said there along roadsides at 30 percent less, or than the prevailing market price.

Two days or maybe days before the storm, Domondon said, fishermen were warned by small fishermen of the possible arrival of huge waves.

There were even users, he said, when fishpond owners found that they suddenly had more stock after the typhoon. A pond can only have a maximum of 5,000 bangus.

"The fishermen saw unique behavior while some fishpond owners lost their stock, others found theirs suddenly full," Domondon said.

He said although only by said overgrown bangus (subalo) can be caught in the sea, a grown bangus is also found in the wild.

"This was only it was able to swim a 400-kilometer distance from Pangasinan to Ilocos Norte," he said.

He said his office would distribute some 13 million bangus fry to fish growers in western Pangasinan towns as part of the fisheries rehabilitation program for typhoon victims.

The beneficiaries are Dagupan City, Binmaley, Lingayen, Labrador, Bugallon, Alaminos City, Sual, Dasol, Anda, Bolinao, San Fabian, Mangaldan and Calasiao.

Among the towns, Asingan and the Tarlac in neighboring La Union will also be given bangus fry, Domondon said. Gabriel Cardenas, Inquirer Northern Luzon

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# War exacts toll on 'lumad' education

By Jeffrey M. Tupas
Davao City

ON TUESDAY morning, the squalid street of the village of Bankerohan in Davao City saw the dizzying sight of excited children going back to their schools. A few meters from the street, by the entrance of a gymnasium, Raws Bapuni stands in mixed awe and envy.

The 15-year-old Ata-Manobo from that he might not be able to enter Grade 8 again this year. His parents do not have money for school and miscellaneous fees, and he and his family are still caught up in the city, homeless of kilometers from their upland village in Compostela valley.

Raws is one of 93 children of the Ata-Manobo and Mansaka families who now occupy the gymnasium of Bankerohan. They left their homes in the villages of Mangayon and Pating-Bato when the military stepped up combat operations against the communist New People's Army (NPA).

For more than a month now, they have refused to go back to their villages because of the presence of soldiers there. Asked why they were afraid of the soldiers, the evacuees narrate a litany of abuses they allegedly perpetrated.

Lt. Col. Rolando Bautista, spokesperson of the Army's 10th Infantry Division, says it is actually safe for them to return and denies their allegations. The soldiers, he stresses, are aware that if they violate the rights of the people, it will be counterproductive for them.

The government's counterinsurgency drive, which has a 2010 deadline, may be taking an ugly toll on "lumad" children who have been consistently deprived of their constitutional right to free education.

SOLDIERS and students pass each other near a school in a Mindanao town where the military maintains a presence.

## 'Treated differently'

Raws says he feels sorry for himself because most likely, he will again be forced to stop schooling. Standing bare-eyes his fate, he says he knows how important it is for people like them to be educated, so at least learn the basics.

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A VISIT from the President puts teachers in attention...an event worth taking pictures for.

WHAT appears to be a pigsty is used as a school, a common site in remote areas where education takes chase forms.

"The future (seems) often. Dear us differently because we do not know the kind of education that they have. But I think if only we are also assisted in them, they would see and trust us fairly ... I think they will no longer resort to recruit only to them," he says in the vernacular.

Fifteen-year-old Mary Ann Adlawan has the same problem. She is supposed to enter high school as a sophomore this year, but she and her friends will not be able to continue with their studies.

"I just want to cry. I am upset ... I don't really know what to say, but I just want to cry. I know that I have to go to school and I really want to go to school. But what can I do? We are still here and the soldiers are still in our villages," Mary Ann says. She dreams of becoming an agriculturist someday.

The girl is also worried about the future of Joseph, her 8-year-old brother and an incoming Grade 2 pupil.

This is the very reason why the evacuees refuse to go home. Mary Ann explains that the soldiers have been very harsh on civilians whom they suspect of being NPA sympathizers of having relatives in the communist movement.

"They beat people in our villages and they threaten us," she says. She narrates what happened to her neighbor, Elias Asman, who was assaulted when the soldiers stayed in their community.

"Upacin ni mga sundalo ang (ang ito ng ulupin (The soldiers covered his head with a cellophane)," she says, adding that her brother was also grabbed by the neck by one soldier who asked him whether he was an NPA member.

## 'Release' session

A few days after the evacuees arrived in Davao City, Kalilon and other support groups conducted a "release (therapeutic) activity" among the children in which they articulated their fear and anger, as well as their desire to go home and go back to school.

Seeing one of the drawings, a child wrote: "Ang akong pangandoy nga ako makabalik to ug pag-eskwela ... ug usa pud nako nga pangandoy nga makuha na ang mga kanayon to ug among bayan aron dili na kami mahulat tak-op mahuyk na kami. (My dream is for me to finish school... another dream is for the military to leave our place)."

The children's wishes are very simple: to go home and live in peace so we will no longer be afraid and we can go home)."

The older evacuees have again appealed for compassion to the provincial government and the Church to support their demand for an agreement between them and the military that they will be spared from attacks and searches.

"We appeal to the local government and other agencies to heed our demands for peace. We've been here for 21 days, hoping on the efforts of the NCIP (National Commission on Indigenous Peoples), the Church and the local government," says Boy Guimbaling, leader of the local Ata-Manobo organization in Compostela.

"We've also pleaded the military command in the region for one talk for peace are released. We want to go home but only if there is an assurance that attacks won't happen again."

The group is demanding that the military pull out from their communities and not use them as guides and their homes, schools and places of worship as military posts.

## Alternative school

While the children are still "trapped" by the uncertainty of going to formal schools, Kalilon and the other groups have set up an "adaptive" alternative learning classes dubbed "Mekmekowela Paras (To School, I Walk)."

Bonny May Idol-Ramos, executive secretary of Kalilon, says the alternative school will provide numeracy and literacy classes at the evacuation center. The children will be given school supplies and other learning tools, especially.

A series of "learn shops" will be facilitated by volunteer social workers and a community-based daycare para-educator who happens to be one of the evacuees.

But Kaisa, this is before class starting, calling it "sadlaw (satisfaction)."

"Mutuo to nga sadlaw... Hang unsa nga sadlaw nga sakwelahan kaisa makuha ra to, bayo nga, mutuo na lagpas. Pero mas maayo gyud nang makuha ra unta na ug sakwelahan ug dili ra mag-sakwelahan (It is a good satisfaction because we will learn from it anyway. But nothing could surely beat learning from a real school which we could only have if we will be able to go home)," he says.

NEWS

# Michael V a hit as reader, too

By Schanel Quesada
Inquirer Research

AROUND 120 CHILDREN WERE TAUGHT the value of literature and the importance of education during yesterday's Inquirer Read-Along session which featured comedian Michael V and returning storyteller-teacher from Sophia School in Malaysia.

The session, the 33rd since the Read-Along began last year, was in celebration of Independence Day and the recent opening of classes.

Michael V, also known as Bitoy, read an abridged version of "Si Malakas," a local legend that was made into an animated movie.

"Si Malakas" is about a smarter princess who defended her kingdom from oppressors while in search of her true love. Produced by APT Entertainment Inc., "Si Malakas" features the voice of Bitoy as "Si Malakas," a su...

Being a popular comedian, was an instant hit with the children. After the reading, he surprised the kids with the appearance of characters "Kalaso" and "Tawag," another character in the story.

"I always make it a point to find time to read to my children. I really believe in the importance of reading," Bitoy said.

His favorite books are biographies, including those of Michael Jordan, Jackie Chan, Bruce Lee, Elvis Presley and Muhammad Ali, he said.

Sophia School teachers Ani Alonzo and Norma Dimalla led the audience in an interactive and lively reading of "Sang Pumanok sa Panahon (It's Fun to Do to School)" written by Rene O. Villanueva and published by Unang Hakbang Foundation and Concept Cat" by Regina Periwinkle (Adarna Publishing House).

Both stories emphasized the importance of going to school and finishing one's education.

"I hope I can be a hero in my own way. I will try to become a good student," said 13-year-old Faith Contreras, one of the participants.

Sponsors of yesterday's session were Adarna Publishing, Hands on Hands, Volante Foundation and Bright Brains. Special book packages from Abiel Publishing were given away.

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MICHAEL V has kids grabbing for books at the Read-Along.

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# UP students *pedal* their way to the *future*

By Marlon Ramos

ON HER WAY TO CLASS LAST summer on the University of the Philippines campus in Diliman, Quezon City, Melleke Alvarsson's attention was caught by the colorful wheel disks of a bicycle parked on the grounds of Palma Hall.

Curious, the Physics student approached the bike and saw the words "padyak.org" written on the wheel disks.

"I thought the design was really cool. I had a feeling that it was some kind of a bike-for-rent scheme," she said.

When she logged onto the Internet to check the web site, Alvarsson found out that padyak.org was a recently launched project offering bikes as an alternative mode of transportation for UP students.

She signed on a few days later and became one of 36 students who participated in the project's test run last April.

Dr. Fibrain Gedaviro, an associate professor of the UP Department of Sociology and a former UP Mountaineers' (UPM) coach, said she and other UPM members came up with the idea for the project during a reunion last December.

## Contribution

"We were drinking then at a post-Christmas party when a fellow UPM alumnus, Louie Cruz, suggested that we should start a bike-for-rent project as our contribution to the UP centennial anniversary," she recalled.

"He was actually emotional when he said that it would be our legacy as the university," Gedaviro said with a laugh.

She thought the project was also a good way to mark our 28th anniversary as UPM members," she added.

The group met a few days later to discuss the project details, this time, without downing any intoxicating beverages.

From the start, Gedaviro and

THE BIKES' colorful wheel disks bear the group's logo and eco-environmental messages, too.

FOR P100 a semester, students enrolled in UP Diliman can rent a bicycle from "UP Padyak," a project of former members of the UP Mountaineers.

others knew they were faced with a daunting task: Raising funds for the project which they aptly named "UP PaDyak."

After a few more meetings with other UPM members, the group was able to collect enough money for them to buy two reconditioned bicycles at a warehouse in Sta. Mesa, Manila.

Later on, as more contributions came in, they were able to purchase 14 more bicycles—single-speed bikes from Japan with utility baskets mounted on the handlebars where students could place their bags and other belongings.

What makes Padyak's bikes unique are the colorful designs on the wheel disks. Among those who designed the disks were Robert Alejandro and Hilary Leonar, freelance sculptor Eng Chan, meanwhile, designed a bike rack called "Logic."

The colorful disks—made of tin tire boards—also carry slogans and messages about protecting the environment.

"The disks also contribute to the safety of the bikes," Gedaviro said.

The group's next task was to involve the burly of UP officials in declaring a bike lane in the campus and the installation of bike racks in some of the colleges. They also asked the UP Security Brigade for help in guarding the bikes.

Aside from offering students an alternative transportation, the bike-for-rent project also promotes a healthy lifestyle and concern for the environment, Gedaviro said.

According to her, "While the whole world reels from skyrocketing prices of fuels, hikes of rice or worse if not dying here soon, walks and pedals first."

For just P100, students enrolled in any course in UP Diliman can rent a bike and use it for the whole semester. They also get a chain-lock free of charge.

Gedaviro said interested students may go to their website, www.padyak.org, to fill up an application form.

Barely three months after the program launching, UP students have already scrambled up to the idea of going around the campus on bicycles, she added.

At present, the group has already rented out all of its 40 bicycles while around 100 students are on the wait list.

## Well-received

"We are really surprised by how this project was received by the students. Our website is swamped by applications of students," she said.

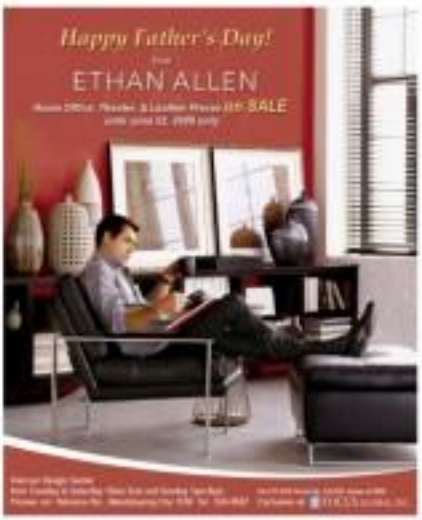
She added that they have turned away several companies which have offered to sponsor the program.

"This was never meant to make money but to demonstrate that anything is possible if people come together," she stressed.

Gedaviro said that although they have the money, they decided not to purchase additional bikes just soon as they have yet to install bike racks in other buildings on the campus.

The group only has two bike stations—both located in Palma Hall.

Gedaviro, meanwhile, expressed hope that other universities and communities would adopt the bike project and implement it on their own campuses.

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This section is dedicated to Filipinos overseas toiling on land and at sea, in hardships, in consideration when and in the hopes of the world to secure a better life for their families. These are their stories.

# Why US wants our teachers bigtime

By Christian V. Esguerra

SAN FRANCISCO—A brown-skinned, Filipina kid was troubled by his white American teacher one day in class here. But instead of answering back, as he had been told to do, he looked down timidly and avoided eye contact.

The gesture off the more infuriated the teacher, who thought he was being disrespected. Her what Ligaya Arevalo, 61, here saw on hindsight was a glaring example of cultural disconnect common in the American schools system years ago.

By shutting heads in the face of authority, a common Filipino trait, the boy thought he was doing the "right" thing, explained Arevalo, a long-time teacher and administrator in the San Francisco Unified School District.

But for American context, he was not.

### Cultural implications

"It had a cultural implications," she says in an interview. "Here, you look directly at the person because it opens up ears and ways of life, leading that to emotional troubles with answers in the United States.

But between students and teachers and the gulf of cultural differences between them, the city's school district, with a big fill in from Arevalo, knew what had to be done from the hind'sword.

It looked for new answers who could better deal with increasingly diverse student populations. The search eventually led to a landmark law in the global Philippines city Filipinos.

Since the 1970s when the problem of cultural divide first came prominent by into national view, hundreds of Filipino teachers have found employment in American schools, according to Arevalo, who now runs a recruitment agency for international teachers.

### Perfect fit

Her company, Arevalo International Consultancy, alone recruits 600 to 700 Filipino teachers annually. The number dwarfs those in Hong Kong and Mexico where her company enlists only 50 to 70 teachers every year.

Arevalo says the both of her recruits from her Texas counterpart because of Filipino teachers' facility of both the Filipino and English languages. The flexibility makes them a perfect fit in school districts with a large Filipino-American population.

"They needed teachers who understood the students," she says.

But their quite search for greater platform could be just an overstatement, contributing in small or large measure to the Philippines' continuing "brain drain."

"The reason I don't feel bad about it is because the truth is, the Philippines has a lot of teachers," she says, arguing that it's just a question of how effectively the Department of Education is lifting positions left behind by outgoing teachers.

With very little employment opportunities in the Philippines, the most unfortunate teachers are naturally forced to settle for menial jobs such as being drivers or helpers in Hong Kong or the rage for bigger banks, she says.

### Important contributions

The issue of brain drain aside, Filipino teachers have been making important contributions to the American public school system, according to Arevalo.

"I say they are the perfect teachers. They have what the Americans are looking for. They have a very high level of competence."

Since starting her business about five years ago, Arevalo says she has heard mostly positive feedbacks about Filipino teachers from different school districts around the US. A common account is that of Filipino nurses arriving in school early in the morning and staying there way into the evening to complete the task at hand.

She argues that her recruits, the counterpart of her business, would not have lasted long if they didn't meets the standards of American education or performed beyond expectations.

That's why she always tells her teachers to see themselves more as key contributors to a student's development, not as nameless cogs from the Far East perpetually indebted to America for employment.

"I always tell them that they have as much to offer to American schools," she says. "They have always that thing to show about things for the students."

Those contributions were painstakingly noticed around 30 years ago when the latest [illegible] exploded with strong criticism that would address the educational needs of children from immigrant families, Arevalo said.

That time, San Francisco, for instance, was serving the arrival in droves of students who were "not blond and blue-eyed," recalls Arevalo, who was then teaching in the city's vast Ford school district.

The majority were mostly Filipino-Hispanic, Chinese, and Filipino families.

The San Francisco school districts covers 116 schools from elementary to high school.

"It was a mess every time there was [illegible]," she says. "The teachers were edito and didn't understand them, especially their colors."

### New strategies

The cultural disconnect was highlighted in the 1990s when Chinese students, led by Sissy Lau, and the San Francisco school board he allegedly discriminating against them, dominated by minorities Lau, 11, spending a year in middle school among only in class while teachers delivered lessons in English, a language he didn't yet understand.

Four years later, the US Supreme Court sided with the complainants, noting that "students who do not understand English are effectively functional from any meaningful education," according to a New York Times report.

San Francisco's response came in new strategies for learning, taking into account the students' respective cultural backgrounds and rules systems, according to Arevalo.

She was herself tapped in to influence fellow teachers with the Filipino culture so they'd know how to deal with their newly arrived wards.

In training sessions that would go on for years, she would tell them, "Don't think that when a Filipino child didn't look up to a teacher reprimanding him, he wasn't being rude. He was actually showing respect, someone with the train he had learned back home.

Or when a Filipino child didn't engage an American adult in a conversation, it didn't mean he was dumb or uninterested, Arevalo argued. He was probably just thinking of the days back in the Philippines when kids were told not to participate in adult discussions. Comparing mannerisms.

### Family values

"I did a series of training on the values of the Filipino family and how the value system of the Filipino could either negatively or positively impact the children's learning here," she says.

Besides insistent on cultural sensitivity, the school district also looked more to Hispanic, Chinese, and Filipino teachers to deal with the emerging student population of non-English speakers. From the 1970s to the 1980s, she says the district hired 400 to 500 Filipino teachers.

Later in the 1990s, Arevalo was put in charge of the district's bilingual education program. This time, she says, a new batch of students born of immigrants parents were struggling in non-school, confronted with their native-tongue.

Arevalo says she came up with a similar program for Filipino, but got no takers. Apparently, the Filipino mentality was unlike that of their Hispanic or Chinese counterparts, who preferred to lose their mother tongue and totally embrace English as their "first" language.

"The Filipino families were thinking, 'After learn Filipino?'" she recalls. "They said they didn't need to as any accent accustomed with them."

### How recruitment began

Arevalo's own recruitment of teachers outside of the US formally began in 1998 while she was San Francisco's assistant superintendent for human resources. That year, she had around 400 teachers accepting an early retirement package offered by the school district.

She filled the vacancies by getting teachers from Mexico, Hong Kong, and the Philippines. Going by the successful recruitment of non-American teachers in the 1970s, she knew from two bunch of experiences, each their knowledge of a second language, would be an asset in the district.

In the Philippines, she went flyers to select schools such as her alma mater, the University of the Philippines, Philippine National University, and the University of Santo Tomas. Around 100 applicants answered her call and she came back to the US with 15 new students.

The high mortality rate in her initial recruitment was indicative of the stringent process of bringing in foreign teachers to the US. She maintained the approach when she put up her company after she retired from the school district in 2002.

### Hard work

At the end of the recruitment process is the promise of huge salary Filipino teachers can only by dreams of earning if they stayed in their home country. Arevalo swears her recruits get a minimum of $35,000 annually. Others supposedly get as much as $70,000 depending on their level of education, expertise, and experience.

Recruits are placed in a variety of subjects such as math, science, journalism, psychology, and special education.

Getting to the green pasture, however, requires a lot of hard work.

Arevalo tells everything about the American educational system—the good and especially the bad—before formally inducting applicants to her company's "database" of prospective teachers in the US.

"Sometimes, they're the most difficult and the most challenging aspect of teaching," she would tell them in orientation seminars she regularly holds in Manila.

### Scary stories

Arevalo's amount seems plucked straight out of a Hollywood flick: his doors ignoring the greatness of teachers, talking and fighting and making out of the classroom at the bell. Many of them ignore manners as well when they bump into them in the corridors.

"Sometimes, students here are almost evil, they would throw things at you," she says. "So you need to know how to control them. You can't allow them to get to that point."

The Filipino "secret" also exists who were asked to leave simply because their American students couldn't believe their English pronunciation. It's not exactly unprecedented for natives to take to the "telling" character of the American tongue.

"It's just difficult to understand," she says.

Despite the scare stories, Filipino teachers continue to flock to Arevalo's orientation seminars in the hope of landing jobs in the US. From her end, she says she makes sure that those who will be tapped by her company would eventually be hired by school districts in the US.

That's why she flew out of her interview with American school officials in Manila, applicants get a last minute coaching session from Arevalo herself.

### Little things cause a lot

She reminds them about little things that could spell the difference in their application like polls them, for instance, that Americans usually start a conversation by saying "How are doing?" and you can just appropriately reflect them just saying, "I'm fine, thank you."

Arevalo gives "insider" information too, meaning what certain school districts specifically need and want in see from applicants during interviews.

"My advantage is I know what they are looking for—you take care of the children, help them achieve, and you'll be their most valued teacher," she says.

# Limitations imposed on Seasonal Worker Visas

JOSE WAS A BAKE MANAGER in Bacolgao for more than 10 years. Last year he was instructed to work for one month in Florida. He paid a substantial amount of money in the recruitment agency and in a matter of two months, Jose was able to obtain a H2B working visa.

Excited about his new employment opportunity, Jose sold most of his properties and resigned from his job. When he arrived in Florida, he was assigned to work right away as a maintenance worker for a resort management company. He worked full time for two weeks. To his surprise, he was informed he was no longer needed in the resort because his work and result not find another employer. Jose has a wife and one son in the Philippines. He discovered that most H2B workers were terminated because the business of the employer suffered financial losses.

Jose sought legal advice and was told that his visa was complete or specific only and that he could only work for his petitioner. Since he no longer worked for his petitioner, he has become undocumented pursuant to the United States. He was told to find another employer with temporary need for workers to find one. Jose does not to go back home because he had to pay the debts he incurred before he left and has three children who are all in college. Jose decided to move to California where he has worked as a caregiver. His H2B visa is now expired. What could have been done in the case of Jose? How can a H2B visa holder maximize to maintain status?

### The temporary visas

The H2B visa is a nonimmigrant worker in short supply described in the Immigration Act as a foreign worker having a residence in a foreign country who is coming temporarily to the US to perform other temporary service or labor.

To qualify for this visa, Jose must be a US employer petitioner who will offer a job which is temporary in nature. The employer must demonstrate that no US workers are available to perform such service. The applicant must be coming temporarily to the US.

Employers who want to utilize the H2B visa are those in the service industries such as restaurants and hotels, landscaping, construction and seafood processing.

Both the job offer and the employer's need for the specific beneficiary must be temporary. The immigration examiner does not look to the nature of the duties but rather to the nature of the employer's need in determining the temporariness of the job offer. Generally, the petitioner's need must be one year or less, a one-time occurrence, a peak load need or accommodation need.

### Expiring H2B visas

In the petition by the US employer to apply for the H2B visa is issued with validity of no more than one year. Extension of stay may be granted but no more than 12 months and maximum of three years. After spending three years in the US on H2B, the employee may not seek extension, change status or be readmitted to the US under the H or L nonimmigrant classification unless s/he has resided and been physically present outside the US for the immediately prior six months.

H2B is limited to 66,000 visas a year. In January 2006, the H2B cap for the first half of the Fiscal Year 2006 has been met.

When a visa is expiring, the H2B visa holder may have his visa extended provided he finds another man again shows the sympathetic of the employer's need. If at any time, it shows that the job has become permanent in nature, the extension shall be denied.

The employee is required to remain outside the US for six months after three years on a H2B visa. No change of status to F or L visa may be permitted under the regulations. Also, if there is an immigrant visa that is approved on behalf of the employee, no extension of stay will be granted.

Considering the temporary nature of the H2B visa compared to other nonimmigrant working visas, there was a tendency of Filipinos on H2B visas that had fallen out of status for more than 180 days to become victimized prematurely by these US employers or they refuse after three years to leave the US for six months to enable them to change their status.

Questions may be addressed to Jose@francisco.com or 632-887 7777.

# China overtakes US as world's top $CO_2$ emitter

CHINA HAS CLOSELY OVERtaken the United States as the world's leading emitter of carbon dioxide, the main heat-trapping gas, a report widely has found. Its emissions increasing 8 percent in 2007. The Chinese increase accounted for two-thirds of the growth in the year's global greenhouse gas emissions, the study found.

The report, released Friday by the Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency, found that in 2007, China's emissions were 14 percent higher than those of the United States. In the previous year's second study, the researchers found for the first time that China had become the world's leading emitter, with carbon emissions 7 percent higher by volume than the United States in 2006.

China's emissions are likely to continue growing substantially for years to come because they are tied to the country's strong economic growth and its particular role of industry and power sources, the researchers said.

China is heavily dependent on coal and has seen its most rapid growth in some of the world's most heavily polluting industrial sectors: cement, aluminum and plate glass.

Twenty percent of China's emissions come from its cement kilns, essential for its construction boom and likely to be working overtime this year amid preparations for the Olympics and rebuilding after last month's devastating earthquake.

The Dutch agency's findings were based on recently published information on cement production and on energy use from the oil company BP.

The United States still has a much lead in carbon dioxide emissions per person. The average American is responsible for 18.4 tons. Average emissions per person in Russia are 11.8 tons; in the European Union, 8.6 tons; China, 5.1 tons, and India, 1.8 tons.

Experts said the new data underscored the importance of getting China to sign on to any new global climate agreement. The United States and the United States participated in the current treaty to limit emissions, the Kyoto Protocol, which expires in 2012 and will be replaced by a new agreement to be signed in Copenhagen at the end of 2009. NYT

LIGHTNING ruins a thunderstorm to southeast of Broken Arrow, Okla., during this 8-second time exposure on June 13. -

# 7.2-quake kills 3 in Japan

EUROSIA, JAPAN—A POWERful earthquake struck northern Japan on Saturday, killing three people, injuring more than 100 and trapping guests at a hot-spring resort buried by a landslide.

The earthquake, which measured 7.2 on the Richter scale, also caused a blank of subsoil to erupt from a power plant, although the company said that the amount was so small that there was no cause for public concern.

The quake rattled a largely agricultural region in northern Miyagi and Iwate prefectures. It was strong enough to shake buildings in Tokyo 300 kilometers to the south and was followed by around 100 aftershocks.

Near Kurihara, one of the worst-hit towns, a landslide destroyed a hotel but spring resort, which was reduced to a pile of wooden rubble.

Five people were rescued, two with broken bones, but two were still missing, police said.

"Not a few seconds, the land moved. I couldn't figure out what was happening to me," said Mikiko Sugawara, 54, whose husband runs another hotel near Kurihara.

Ryoichi Suzuki, a 58-year-old innkeeper, said he was just 100 meters away from a landslide that buried a car.

"I escaped by a hairbreadth," he said with relief afterwards. "If I had been in that car, I would have been killed."

The government said that three people were killed and 66 were injured, while public broadcaster put the number of injured at 118.

The toll could rise further as at least three construction workers were feared to be buried under rubble. Kurihara official Ryo Kumagawa said.

The dead included a 48-year-old construction worker who was hit by rocks while working on a dam project and a 53-year-old man who was buried by a landslide as he went fishing.

The other victim, a 63-year-old man, "rushed out of the house when the quake hit but was run over by a truck," chief government spokesperson Nobuteru Ishihara told an impromptu news conference in Tokyo.

Japan endures some 20 percent of the world's recorded earthquakes and has built an infrastructure intended to withstand the largest of tremors.

The government deployed the military to help assist to relief efforts, while Shinya Izumi, the minister for disaster management, flew to the scene.

"The top priority is to save lives. We are doing our best to rescue operations," Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda told reporters. AFP

# Devastating floods hit US Midwest

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA—ALL around the Midwest, the waters just kept rising.

The economic costs of the devastating floods were also beginning to seep in: tourism officials, who depend on the clear summers, were bracing for washed-out seasons; farmers in many states stared out at ponds that had once been their fields of beans and corn; and oilfields were preparing to shut down 335 miles of the Mississippi River, a crucial route for millions of tons of coal, grains and steel.

By now, one prospect has begun to emerge in Iowa, as well as Indiana, Minnesota and Illinois: the possibility that this summer might prove to be remembering like 1993, when flooding ravished in widespread personal misery and loss, as well as economic cost of $30 billion.

"Right now, we can't see anything as devastating as 1993 along the Mississippi, but we're getting up," said Ron Flecenius, a spokesperson for the Army Corps of Engineers' district in the central Midwest, which just ordered 2 million more sandbags. 25 large pumps and a vast array of men to supplies.

The rain had stopped here by early Friday morning. But the Cedar River crested at more than 31 feet—far higher than it had been in 1993, when it reached more than 19 feet.

Nonetheless, officials have reported no flood-related deaths in the city and only one injury—a cut and ankle that the elbow have been felt all around. The flooding has caused more than $700 million in damage here.

Elsewhere, other rivers were still rising, and officials say the worst may be yet to come. In some parts of the Midwest, more rain was forecast for the weekend, followed by a period of streams.

Some residents sit under water and wheat fields were inundated by meadows and high winds. The delays and troubles have pushed up commodity prices, already high.

"Is there a good time for a flood? No," said Ernest Goss, an economist at Creighton University in Omaha. "Is there a worse time? Yes, and this is it. This is really going to add to the pinch on the consumer nationwide and to some degree internationally." NYT

# Ireland rejects treaty in blow for EU

DUBLIN—IRISH VOTERS REjected a treaty on Friday to overhaul the European Union's unwieldy institutions, pouring the entire bloc's reform plan in peril and humiliating Ireland's political leaders.

The part, known as the Lisbon treaty, failed by a margin of 53.4 percent to 46.6 percent in the only EU country to put it to a popular vote.

"No" vote supporters cheered loudly for several minutes, interrupting an official as he read out the results.

Prime Minister Brian Cowen called the vote "a source of disappointment to my colleagues in government and to me."

"In a democracy, the will of the people as expressed at the ballot box is sovereign. The government accepts and respects the verdict of the Irish people."

The treaty was an effort to resurrect EU reforms that were rejected by French and Dutch voters in 2005.

This time all countries but Ireland avoided a referendum.

The "No" vote means a country with fewer than 1 percent of the EU's 494 million population could doom a treaty painstakingly negotiated by all 27 member states.

European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso urged the other 26 members to press on and ratify the treaty. Ministers have already done so and another four are close.

The treaty envisages a long-term president of the European Council of EU leaders, a stronger foreign policy chief and a streamlined decision pact. Reuters

# Legal drugs kill far more in Florida than illegal ones, analysis finds

MIAMI—AN ANALYSIS OF AUTOPSIES IN 2007 released this week by the Florida Medical Examiners Commission found that the case of deaths caused by prescription drugs was three times the case of deaths caused by illicit ones.

Law enforcement officials said that the shift toward prescription-drug abuse, which began here about eight years ago, showed no sign of letting up and that the state must do more to control it.

"You have health care providers involved, you have physicians, and then there are crimes like robbing drug shipments," said Jeff Bradley, a drug intelligence inspector for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, which co-sponsored the study. "There is a multitude of ways to get these drugs, and that's what makes things complicated."

The report's findings track with earlier studies by the federal Drug Enforcement Administration, which has found that roughly 7 million Americans are abusing prescription drugs. If accurate, that would be an increase of 80 percent in six years and more than the total abusing cocaine, heroin, hallucinogens, Ecstasy and inhalants.

The Florida report analyzed 360,900 deaths statewide. Cocaine, heroin and all cardiacamphetamines caused 989 deaths, it found, while legal opioids—strong painkillers in brand-name drugs like Vicodin and OxyContin—caused 2,328.

Florida accordions drug-related deaths more closely than do other states, and so there is little basis for comparison with them.

Still, the state has lagged in enforcement. Thirty-eight other states have approved prescription drug monitoring programs that track sales. Florida lawmakers have repeatedly considered similar legislation, but privacy concerns have kept it from passing. NYT

# Major powers offer Iran deal to halt its nuclear program

TEHRAN—TOP EU DIPLOMAT JAVIER Solana handed Iran a major powers' offer of trade and other benefits on Saturday in your it into suspending sensitive nuclear work, but Tehran ruled out any halt of its uranium-enrichment.

"If the package [from six major powers] includes suspension it is not debatable at all," Iran's government spokesperson Gholamhossein Elham told reporters.

Solana's spokesperson, Cristina Gallach, said the incentives package was presented to Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki and that talks were taking place.

The European Union's foreign policy chief arrived in Tehran on Friday to outline the offer agreed in May by the United States, China, Russia, France, Britain and Germany in the latest bid to end a standoff over Iran's uranium ambitions.

"Mr. Solana handed [Iran] the letter of six ministers and the EU and also the package," Gallach told Reuters by telephone, referring to the foreign ministers of the six powers behind the offer. "The conversation continues."

The package, including civilian nuclear cooperation, is a revised version of one rejected by Iran two years ago and diplomats have played down any hopes of a breakthrough soon. Reuters

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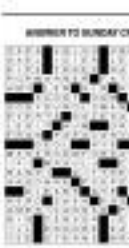

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# The WORLD

Editor Lorenzo B. Ilanes

# Taliban raid frees 1,100 in Afghan prison

KANDAHAR, AFGHANISTAN—A DESPERATE hunt was under way Saturday for more than 1,100 prisoners who escaped a jail in southern Afghanistan when Taliban rebels blasted it open, killing 15 guards, officials said.

The prisoners, some of them Taliban militants, fled when the rebels attacked the facility in the city of Gundahar late Friday, blasting it open with suicide bombs before storming the guards.

The Nato force in Afghanistan said more than 1,100 prisoners were on the move after what security justice minister Mohammadi Qasim Hashtamat called the rebels' most sophisticated attack yet.

"A massive operation is under way to find the escaped inmates. The Afghan security forces are searching for them around the city and using the main and secondary roads," Hashtmat said in the capital, Kabul. None has yet been caught, he added.

An AFP reporter based in the southern city said large numbers of security forces including those of the US-trained Afghan national army had been deployed to search vehicles.

A Taliban spokesperson, Ahmad Mirwais, telling AFP from an undisclosed location, said the rebels used suicide bombs and detonated a bomb before some tanker in the attack.

"First we exploded two suicide attacks and then our mujahedin (holy warriors) riding motorcycles entered the prison and killed the remaining security guards.

"We successfully freed all prisoners, including our jailed Taliban and other prisoners," he said.

Authorities had so far recovered the bodies of at least 15 security guards, Ahmad Wali Karzai, the head of the Kandahar Provincial Council and a brother of President Hamid Karzai said.

"We've discovered the bodies of 15 security guards who were killed in the attack. The casualties might be more," Karzai added.

"Several hundred prisoners including Taliban have escaped," he said, without giving a precise figure.

The Taliban have been battling Hamid Karzai's government since they were toppled from power in a US-led operation for harboring Osama bin Laden, chief Osama bin Laden in 2001.

The raid is a blow to the president, coming one day after world donors pledged $10 billion to rebuild Afghanistan at a conference in Paris but also called on him to strengthen the rule of law.

Despite the presence of about 70,000 international troops mainly operating under Nato, the insurgency aimed at toppling the US-backed government in Kabul has gained pace in the past two years.

Most of the Taliban attacks include suicide and roadside bomb blasts as well as small-scale gunfights targeting security forces. But the Islamic rebels have launched some of their most sophisticated raids in recent months.

In January 2008 several Taliban militants wearing suicide vests raided a five-star hotel in the capital, Kabul, and killed eight people including three foreigners. AFP

AN UNIDENTIFIED Afghan prostitute woman holds her prisoner in her Mediation house in Kabul, on May 10. Afghanistan is one of the world's most conservative countries, yet its sex trade appears to be thriving. •

# Saudi Arabia to raise oil production by 500,000 barrels a day

SAUDI ARABIA, THE WORLD'S biggest oil exporter, is planning to increase its output next month by about a half million barrels a day, according to analysts and oil traders who have been briefed by Saudi officials.

The increase would bring Saudi output to a production level of 10 million barrels a day, which, if sustained, would be the kingdom's highest ever. The move was seen as a sign that the Saudis are becoming increasingly nervous about both the political and economic effects of high oil prices. In recent weeks, soaring fuel costs have incited demonstrations and protests from Italy to Indonesia.

Saudi Arabia is currently pumping 9.05 million barrels a day, which is an increase of about 300,000 barrels from last month.

While they are reaping record profits, the Saudis are concerned that today's record prices might eventually dampen economic growth and lead to lower oil demand, as is already happening in the United States and other developed countries. The current prices are also making alternative fuels more viable, threatening the long-term prospects of the oil-based economy.

President George W. Bush visited Saudi Arabia twice this year, pleading with King Abdullah to step up production. While the Saudis resisted the calls then, they seem to have since concluded that they needed to disrupt the economies that has been building to commodity markets, sending prices higher.

Last week, King Abdullah shook the unprecedented step of arranging on short notice a major gathering of oil producers and consumers to address the causes of the price rally. The meeting will be on June 22 in the Red Sea town of Jeddah.

Oil prices have gained 60 percent this year, rising to nearly $100 a barrel in recent days and driving gasoline costs in the United States above $3 a gallon.

Some analysts have predicted that prices could reach $100 a barrel this year as oil consumption continues to rise rapidly while supplies lag.

The growing volatility of the markets, including a record one-day gain of $10.75 a barrel last week, has persuaded the Saudis that they need to step in, analysts said.

But the measure carries some risks to the kingdom and is not guaranteed to bring down prices, analysts said.

"They see these prices as a threat," said John Kilduff, a senior vice president at the brokerage firm MF Global, who said the move could backfire if investors failed to respond to the extra Saudi supplies. By increasing production now, the Saudis are using their "last bullet in fight high prices."

Oil prices fell Friday, slipping $1.80 to settle at $124.06 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, after reports of the prospective Saudi increase trickled into the market. AFP

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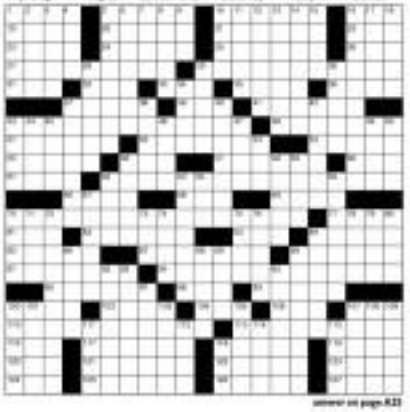

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Guests attending the Coke Zero Rendall event at Taguig's Bonifacio Global City last June 7 were caught by surprise when at 4:30 p.m. four helicopters flew above and showered hundreds of black balloons bearing the Coke Zero logo. (Lower right) A number of onlookers viewed the aerial exhibition using their Coke Zero binoculars. (Lower left) Simultaneous with the demonstration was a spectacular parachute jump at the Clark Air Base field in Pampanga. It featured seven men in black called Coke Zero Men, who unfurled giant Coke Zero banners as they landed.

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# Baseball Philippines: Manila nips Makati, faces Taguig today

SERIES TODAY: (Rizal Baseball Stadium)
1 pm—Manila vs Taguig
4:30 pm—Batangas vs Antipolo
7 pm—Quezon vs Makati

By Marc Anthony Reyes

MANILA DUPTER FOR SEMIFINALS BY the first inning when held on for a 9-8 decision over Makati yesterday to clinch the first of two outright semifinal berths in Baseball Philippines Interzone 2 at the Rizal Baseball Stadium.

Designated hitter Ferjay Rodriguez doubled home catcher Ferdinand Nuñez to give Manila a 9-6 lead. Chris Stanczak-Jimenez came in to preserve the win by getting the last three outs of the game after Makati had scored twice in the upper half of the ninth.

Manila improved its leading record to 6-1 (six wins and the Sharks can secure the top seeding in the semifinal with another win against Pasay) while Makati remained winless in five games.

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# Condes defends IBF title vs Mexican foe

## Pacquiao holds public workout in LA

By Sabrina L. Lagumbay, Contributor

INTERNATIONAL BOXING FEDERATION (IBF) MINIflyweight champion Florante Condes will defend his title for the first time against unbeaten challenger and hometown bet Raul Garcia today at the 8,000-capacity Estadio Arturo C. Nuñé in La Paz, Baja California Sur, Mexico.

Despite a protected purse struggle among his handlers, Condes goes into the fight after going through what he described as "the best conditioning" in a long time following training stints at the M.A. Gym in Cebu and the Wild Card Gym in Los Angeles.

"The Kumbidenated fighter delivered Indonesia's Hadenmond Nainiana last year with a 12-round split decision using superb pressure fighting skills which allowed him to knock Rahmat down twice during the fight.

Odds will be stacked against Condes (22-0-1, 20 KOs), however, as Garcia (22-0-1, 15 KOs) will enjoy the home-town advantage.

Both Condes and Garcia came in at 104 lbs, 1 lb below the maximum weight limit of 105 lbs, at the weigh-in held yesterday at the Andres Bonifacio Recreation Center in La Paz.

The weigh-in was conducted by IBF championship committee chairman Gordon Hatton, who will also supervise the fight.

A full house is expected to cram the high level of interest this fight has been getting in Mexico, hometown bet by the exploits of ring icon Manny Pacquiao over his Mexican counterparts.

Meanwhile, Filipino ring icon Manny Pacquiao will hold an open public workout in Los Angeles on Saturday (Sunday in Manila).

According to Philboxing's Fu Xi de la Vega, the event will be held at the Little Philippines Lake Street Park, where a full day slug will be set up for Pacquiao and chief trainer Freddie Roach to do the rubs.

Pacquiao, the World Boxing Council super featherweight titlist who is gunning for David Diaz's lightweight belt on June 28 in Las Vegas, will also shadow box and skip rope.

The workout, which is free of charge, is part of Pacquiao and Top Rank's promotional tour for the HBO pay per view bout at the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino.

Pacquiao has been in Los Angeles since May 12, training rewards daily at Roach's Wild Card Gym in Hollywood.

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FILOIL INVITATIONAL

# Warriors rip Lions for title

By Jasmine W. Paya

BALIBAGO 109! AS INJURY PAUL Lee wowed host Iloilo toward the arena title Sunday, Balibago Caltex Warriors ripped Lyceto Pilipinas 109-97 to capture the championship of the Filoil Flying V Pre-Season Invitational Cup yesterday at The Arena in San Juan.

Lee, although hobbled by a sprained right foot, unloaded five triples in the fourth period to finish with a game-high 24 points following a scorching first half.

"This is his best game after a long time," said Warriors coach Charlie Tanquen. "His injury has been bothering him, but he still managed to show his real game."

The 6-foot Lee knocked in his seventh three-pointer during the Warriors' scoring surge in a four-minute span that erased a 68-62 deficit into a 86-74 advantage.

Despite his heroics, 6-foot-6 Jhunel Hans Thiele also provided his cast mates up with Ian Reiko Imbornoth Gon Dizon to finish with 19 points and 11 rebounds.

"We have a smaller lineup, but we made use of our speed, our big guys also played well," said Pampanga-bred Tanquen, who has led the Lions in overtime, 99-91, in the eliminations round.

Earlier, rookie JA Revilla fired 29 points as Lia Iloilo entered third place with a 70-68 doubleheader afternoon.

Revilla, who also missed five assists, waved the Archers to a 44-29 halftime spread, while Ricci Rivero helped bolstered the advantage with a double-double effort of 14 points and 13 rebounds.

James Blankson added 13 points, including a key free that pushed the Warriors' lead to 68-59 with three minutes left, while Marcy Arellano chipped in nine points and nine assists.

With the Lions up at 82-69, Lee completed a three-point play and Thiele added another basket as Tanquen's wards reached the 100-point mark with 5:41 to go.

Lee, who shot 28 points in the fourth period, continued to sizzle as the Warriors extended the lead to 23 points, 74-51, heading into the final minute.

Hans collected 17 points and 17 rebounds for the Lions, who dominated the third quarter with a 30-1 rally to protect his lead at 85-48 after trailing at 44-43.

Henry Ignacio, the Warriors' slam dunk champion, earned the Most Valuable Player award and a Mythical Team citation, along with Hans, Marcelino Jose Bodo's Pong Escobal and Adamson's Jerry Codiñera.

**The scores:**

**First Game**

**LP SMILE 96**—Revilla 29, Imbornoth 14, Balicanet 9, Bolick 7, Bulanadi 7, Bugarin 6, Amparo 5, Bernal 5, Lao 5, Ildefonso 2, Villanueva 1.

**AGRIMURK 106**—Ignacio 31, Thiele 19, Agustin 14, Salvador 9, Cabahug 8, Lozada 6, Arellano 6, Gonzales 5, Asoque 1.

**Halftime:** 44-29, 68-52, 75-63.

**Second Game**

**IA 86**—Lee 28, Hans 19, Arellano 11, Gon Dizon 9, Dumapig 8, Langston 6, Bautista 2, Lapuz 2, Pascual 1, Ilagan 1.

**LPU-ILOILO 76**—Alava 15, Bautista 13, Antonio 12, Alcoseba 11, Bonifacio 9, Ramos 5, Bernas 1, Bagui 1.

**Halftime:** 35-32, 54-48, 69-62, 86-76.

HIGH FLYING: Hans Thiele (left) of the University of the East and Jam Elmer of San Beda dispute ball possession in game one of the Filoil Flying V Pre-Season Invitational Cup at The Arena in San Juan. RONALD T. ASUNCION

## SPORTSWATCH

### Kings cheer dancers coming next month

THE DANCING QUEENS OF THE NBA'S Sacramento Kings and Reno, the mascot of the Charlotte Bobcats—cheers partly owned by basketball legend Michael Jordan—are coming to Manila next month to take part in the festivities highlighting the "Tri-NBA Meetings in the Philippines."

The events being NBA Madness opened yesterday at the Shangri-la Plaza in Mandaluyong City with Smart PBA rookie MVP Dorian Pena, Converse Team Asia Collegiate Kenneth Duremdes, Mark Mendoza and Ronjay Buenafe in attendance.

The NBA action is expected to join the festivities during the weekend stop at the University Mall from July 10-13.

The event features Slam Dunk competitions, Coca-Cola shooting stars, Calbee 3-Ball, Drill, Speed Challenge and NBA 2-point shootout. **Detail: P. Dyan**

### UE, UST jins post upsets

JESSICA BELLO TURNED RED AND JOE SAVIA revived the sweet Sweet Fifteen all-season battleground dimensions of the 67th National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) women's basketball tournament by swinging each a turn classes where a couple of seasoned training post members were delighted in the action.

Ballerina, representing University of the East, toppled NCAA defense Ateneo de Davao Blue Eagles, while national pool for Alyssa Valdez of UST avenged only a losing.

UST's Defensive junior team member Sonia Alava of PSL in the tournament's opening, where she knocked out Esther Mara Singson, also of UST. **Jaime Hotel**

### Solutions, BPO title clash

SOLUTIONS' GOLD TONG ANG AND GEN-ius BPO battle for the title in the Solutions Corporate Classic summer weekend tournament today at the Manila golf.

Seventeen Solutions reached the finals by disposing of Infosys, 10-07, in the semifinals, while defending BPO knocked out Managers Choice, 9½-4½.

"With the success of this first step to becoming a tournament, we are looking forward to an even bigger one next year," said Mike Enico of the organizing Fullest Sports & Events.

# Aguilar seeks Superbikes sweep

MULTI-TITLED GLENN AGUILAR, of Yellow Cab Zhen.net Access Plus, aims for a second straight win against tough rivals today in the third leg of the 2008 Shell Advance Superbikes Championship Series at the Batangas Racing Circuit in Lobo, Batangas.

The country's winningest motocross rider took 22 national titles, Aguilar headed the fight set up for his 1000cc Ducati Elite and ruled the last leg with a new track barrier record of 1:41.774.

"We're confident it will be another motocross race as the regular," said Yellow Cab mainstay driver Keith Egole.

Aguilar is looking forward to wrest the solo leadership in the series where he is supported by Sri. Ian Gab Haza, KTM Motorcycles, Arena Plus, Oakley, Bridgestone, Rexal, Dugout, Mpinoytex, Sun-Red, K&N and MB Motosports.

Titleholder Bimex Bautista and former superbiker champ John Jao will be Aguilar's main rivals.

"Each of us has his own agenda and I'm not taking any risk," said Bautista. "We have gone and endured hot wheel moments for me at this point is to win every race is easy on course for the title."

GLENN Aguilar eyes a second straight sweep for Yellow Cab Pizza-Zhen.net Tuazon Steel Superbikes tackle at BRC.

# Rizal nips Or. Mindoro, shares lead

TAGBILARAN, BOHOL (June 14)—Rizal nipped Oriental Mindoro, 2-1, 1-2, while Bataan toppled Ambos while pacesetter Kalinga-Apayao, 3-1, in the third round of the first Visayas-Luzon Basketball League championship at the Bohol Provincial Sports Complex here.

Ateneo de Davao University and Bohol Island State University-Tagbilaran City College gymnasium here.

National Master Oliver Barbosa burned International Master Ronald Bancod and four Legaspi to unravel Albert Rivera to lead Rizal to its third straight win in the tournament organized by the National Chess Federation of the Philippines (NCFP) headed by Prospero "Butch" Pichay and supported by the Bangas del Sur governorship under Gov. Victoria Eleonor Aumentado.

Ansel Flores drew with Jose Aquino to cop board three.

Christopher Castellano saved the day for Oriental Mindoro when he turned Ali Benamarko on board two.

"We're satisfied with the performance of the team," said Rizal team captain Rosario Alonzo, who thanked the support of Bada Gov. Eugene Torres and provincial sports director Helen Romero.

Bancod teamed on the victorious by NM Rasmed Mouri over IM Chito Garma and Ted Ian Mendoza over Jonathan Jarque to complete a six-game of Kalinga-Apayao.

Rizal moved into a three-way tie for top spot with Kalinga-Apayao and Oriental Mindoro with 8.0 points out of a possible 12. Bohol is at 7.5 points, the same score of Tagaytay, Bataan del Sur-A, Southcolabar and Luzon.

# Classic rematch up in 13th First Gentleman Silver Cup

TRACK FOLKS, REAL SPOT AND Native Land waive hostilities for the open season this afternoon as they bounce a stellar field of eight entrusted campaigners battling for the 13th PCSO First Gentleman Silver Cup at the Manila Jockey Lemon Park in Caloocan, Cavite.

With P1.75 million at stake, this year's edition will be a grudge match of last year's PCSO Presidential Gold Cup featuring 2007 Gold Cup conqueror Native Land against 2007 Silver Cup champion Real Spirit.

Real Spirit would be entering in additional battles of three tilts for the meteoric weight-for-age championship after he finished second to Native Land by a half-length for the purpose under the hands of jockey Jeffrid Zarate, giving away 2.5 kilos to Native Land, to be ridden by jockey Jessy Isaac.

BY TOP CHOICE

Race 1—(1)...
Race 2—(1)...
Race 3—(1)...
Race 4—(1)...
Race 5—(1)...
Race 6—(1)...
Race 7—(1)...
Race 8—(1)...
Race 9—(1)...
Race 10—(1)...

# MGC Inaugural stakes Benz for ace

MGC PRESIDENT Bernadine Ty and CATS Motors chair Greg Yu rest the feet sticking a Mercedes-Benz C-Class 200 as the keys-as prize of the inaugural golf tilt. At left is Rasul Bocarro.

MANILA GOLF CLUB, IN partnership with Mercedes-Benz, will host The Inaugural golf tournament exclusive to those members and their dependents the trustees trustees of the old course to an all-weather championship layout.

The new look Manila Golf Club par-71 course is now equipped with state-of-the-art computerized irrigation system that recycles water from its 23-million gallon lakes and reservoirs.

The one-day event will accommodate 120 players (members and dependents only), and will make a blockbuster. Of these 200 investments in a hole-in-one prize, courtesy of CATS Motors Inc., on the par-three, 147-yard hole No. 14.

Manila Golf is one of the few clubs in the country to have a course revolving plant that drains and ensures efficient water system, helping in the conservation of the country's aquifers.

## It's Brunei for Harbour

I DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO BREAK THE news to Ingrid Aguilar and his fellow Peers.

Through the MBH Fathom Centre owner Gilbert Bautista, we got an advisory from the William Aiton Cup organizers in Cebu and Taipei.

It contained both good and bad news.

First the good news. The Aiton Cup organizers had agreed for Harbour Centre to represent the Philippines in the tournament.

But the bad news is the organizers imposed a couple of conditions.

First, this instead of the organizers, Harbour will have to shoulder the airfare to and from Taipei.

Second, that the team inhabits itself from getting involved in any kind of fight on court or the risk of being booted out of the series unceremoniously and sent home.

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**Silver was shocked and disgruntled.**

Seven months ago, he said, "Not this is the third time an organizer has imposed such a ridiculous condition. Being unable to move freely will exempt our entry, that means may also be misinterpreted as playing rough and dirty."

It didn't take long for Silver to decide to call off the trip to Taipei.

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"But what about Ingrid?" I asked.

He said his family including the officials of the PBA Legends Foundation USA like chair Abe King had gone to so much trouble securing permission from his school in the US and his coach, to be released to play with the Harbour team.

His coach Ken McDonald had even gone out of his way to check on the US$1,500 rules and regulations.

Silver said all the effort will not be wasted.

"We will accept the invitation to play in the Bonsai Cup instead. This will be in August. Ingrid should still be on his summer vacation at that time. School (in the US) doesn't start until September."

The last I heard, Silver was preparing a formal letter addressed to officials of Harbour Centre to withdraw, seeking permission for Ingrid to play in the Bonsai Cup.

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**Almost everything there is to write about the recent BAP/MP Congress held at the Dusit Hotel in Makati has been written.**

Of course many of the BAP workers were quite disappointed that the day's proceedings were on pause today.

The anticipated TRO was not served and there were no gate-crashers spotted.

Actually there was a whole table of unidentified guests that didn't even know about this until a PBA governor related an incident to me the following day.

He said he had left the ballroom when the main program was held and decided to go to the rest room. Inside nothing else to avoid going over it there was Jimmy Mariano, who he described as "a member of the media."

The governor knew practically all the boys covering the basketball beat but he played dumb. The man he read asked him for transportation fare. He said there was four of them.

The PBA official pulled out his wallet and gave him four crisp P1000 bills.

Just what made me think the Hon Mayor Duke smelled trouble when he saw the four guys in the room. Anyone was enough of them to accept two-by-fifties. The only birds filled up on a tub of Hite Shiners. They must have a club or organization. During the three BAP/MP congress last year, they also appeared in full force. I wonder how many people they victimized last Thursday?

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**Jim having seen him for the longest time, the first thing I did was inquire about the condition of his father when I bumped into former UP Maroons Jose Mendoza at the SBP Congress last Thursday.**

"How long has it been since the operation?" I asked Jun, who is assistant coach of the UP junior girls team.

He said it has been 14 years.

I didn't realize it was that long ago. Remember Mendoza's father broke up against a deadly kidney disease which compelled him to undergo dialysis to extend his life. But to really restore his health and live longer there had to have a kidney transplant.

Jun's daughter one of his kidneys. He also revealed that Big Dehaqued sat from under his chest down to below his navel. Jun and up his back.

Happy work, Jun!!

# Jackson figures Lakers ready for Game 5

EL SEGUNDO, CALIFORNIA—After psychoanalysis of the Lakers must start when all the post-Game 4 analyses ended.

Kobe Bryant was the last person to answer questions at Staples Center Thursday night. Like everyone who preceded him, Bryant had no good explanation for the Lakers' 97-91 loss to the Celtics in the biggest collapse in NBA Finals history.

That might explain why things got a little ugly in Bryant made one final attempt at putting the devastating loss into perspective.

"Oh, just turn the lights off," said Bryant. "It was big one, too, one of the ones you can't put a towel over it was terrible."

A statement like that makes one long for the days of Bryant's explosive tantrums in court. Studio aimed at teammates or his self-critical, interview room responses where he supplied all the keeps necessary.

But in forever a phrase often uttered by Lakers assessing the Celtics' comeback from a 24-point deficit. Give credit where credit is due, Bryant's imagery was disarmingly on the mark, capturing the shock, horror and disappointment of the loss in a way something less graphic could not. After all, you don't gain much insight from a bunch of platitudes following they needed to execute better to the second half.

Give credit to Bryant for telling it like it was, for not trying to sanitize the magnitude of the loss or hide behind it's and it's. Bryant recognized the psychological dimension of the collapse as the Lakers suffered their first loss at home during those playoffs. Phil Jackson saw the same psychological impact and canceled practice Friday. It was the definition of a mental health day though the Lakers did watch tape of Game 4 at their practice facility.

"For in shocking just how the guys were and how they felt, I just felt it was a good idea," said Jackson. "We have two days to work on things we need to work on. We have guys that are well-conditioned at this time, and we need rest and recuperation in this situation, probably more psychologically than we do physically."

While the Lakers' youth has been viewed as a disadvantage during the Finals, it may work to their advantage when fighting off elimination Sunday night. More than once, Jackson has remarked on the Lakers' resiliency. It has been a quality in great demand during the Finals, with the Lakers dropping the first two games in Boston, then winning eight in Game 3 at Staples Center.

After briefly addressing his issues Friday, Jackson figures the Lakers will be ready to go mentally and physically for Game 5.

"I just told them as a team, they had their heart ripped out," said Jackson. "It's tough to recover from that, but they will. This thing is not over, and we want to force the action, want to continue to force the play."

Jackson reported the Lakers "looked clean eyed for the most part" when watching tape of the first half Friday.

As Bryant might say, it's time to clean up the mess. SYT/Times News Service

JACKSON: Psychological out physical. o

# Warriors, Eagles duel caps Nike SL series

ROWENE GOULD IS A PREVIEW OF THE TEAM to clash in the coming UAAP season. University of the East and season-opener the Nike Summer League hosted both championship favorite and the Philippine Arenas in Pasig City.

The Red Warriors and the Blue Eagles collide at 3 p.m. with Stadio 23 turning the game live.

"We're playing competitively almost every day and there's really no time to spare for practice," UE coach Eladio Pomares said. "But the thing about that is the team has learned to adjust to different situations against different teams. And they've done a good job at that."

"What we'll try to do is hope to take advantage of our size and then see if that affects a small and quick team like UE," Arenas coach Norman Black said.

The Warriors will lean on their core version of a "Big Three" that has played heads up to two playoff games. They are spearheaded by Mariano (15.8 points, and 17 three-pointers), Bel Lingao (14.3 points, 13.4 of 15 field goals) and Manny Asel. lano (13 points, nine of nine free throws).

The Eagles, who haven't dropped a game in the preliminaries, have their frontmen from various names. The most notable ones include Rabeh al-Hussami (16 points), Sonny Baclao (eight points, 12 rebounds), and freshman Ryan Buenafe (11 points).

Chris Tiu is also expected to be a vital scoring option. After serving limited minutes in the quarterfinals, the veteran Blue Eagle exploded for 17 points in a semifinal win over Arizona archrival La Salle.

ALL EYES: Yao Ming (right) is a shot at close range against Kirk Snyder (left) and Thomas Priday in the Smart PBA Fiesta Conference at the Cuneta Astrodome. The Express edged the Phone Pals, 113-111.

# Tigers, Barako try to pad lead

By Jasmine N. Payo

THEY HAVE EVERY ILLUSION TO EASE THE PRESSURE BASED ON HOW THEY'VE been cruising past opponents Lately.

But Coca-Cola and Red Bull continue to pull out all the stops and that is what people can expect from both squads today when they face separate foes in the Smart PBA Fiesta Conference today.

"It's nice to be ahead, but we still have to continue climbing and continue improving," said Coca-Cola coach Binky Favis.

The Tigers will tackle the last-place Barangay Ginebra Kings at 4:30 p.m., while the Barako will clash against the struggling Purefoods Giants at 7:30 p.m. at the Araneta Coliseum.

Sharing the lead with 4-1 records, the Tigers and the Barako will try to strengthen their hold for the two outright semifinal berths as the elimination round continues to tighten.

The Tigers and the Barako remain just half a game ahead of idle Alaska, which grabbed sole second with a 6-4 close after the Aces 113-111 victory over Talk 'N Text late Friday night.

Ginebra (3-6) helped seal that win with a split in the final second, as the Express finished the series of the Phone Pals, who were hoping to turn a sharp second with new import Terrence Lenthol.

The Tigers and the Barako will go into the game as favorites, but if there have been enormous upsets in the past, there are any indication, things would get pretty ugly. The Kings and the Giants, after all, are trying to pull away from a three-way deadlock at 3-8 with idle Sta. Lucia.

"Our goal is to win as many games as possible in our last few games in the eliminations," said Tigers coach Jong Uichico. "Hopefully we can make it at least to the middle of the pack."

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|---|---|---|
| Coca-Cola | 6 | 1 |
| Red Bull | 5 | 1 |
| Alaska | 5 | 2 |
| Talk 'N Text | 4 | 3 |
| Barako | 4 | 3 |
| Purefoods | 3 | 4 |
| Ginebra | 3 | 6 |
| Sta. Lucia | 3 | 6 |
| Phone Pals | 1 | 8 |
| Express | 1 | 8 |

LATEST TODAY
Alaska vs. Coca-Cola, 4:30 p.m.
Red Bull vs. Ginebra, 7:30 p.m.
Talk 'N Text vs. Purefoods, 9:45 p.m.
Express vs. Phone Pals, 12 noon

The Tigers won by the slimmest of margins, 92-91, over the Kings, who drew bad breaks thrown as reinforcement.

The Kings, however, have been transformed into a more potent squad since the arrival of 7-foot-1 import Chris Alexander. So even with the absence of team star Mark Caguioa, the Kings have managed to rebound from a poor 0-5 start behind their duo is all impact.

Entering today with just one win, the Kings' last three games, remains a doubtful starter due to sundries.

The Kings are coming off an 89-81 triumph over Purefoods last Wednesday, where Alexander collected 30 points, 18 rebounds, three assists and three blocks.

Jason Dixon and Ronald Cogshall, meanwhile, have looked out the Tigers to several victories, including their 103-96 triumph over Talk 'N Text last Sunday.

Even with a muscular injury, Cogshall knocked in crucial baskets to finish with 19 points, while Dixon drew a game-high 30 numbers.

# De La Hoya vs Pacquiao? It is possible

By Percy D. Dela

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA—THE GOLDEN BOY WON AWAY SONG, but Manny Pacquiao convinces.

Oscar De La Hoya said yesterday he is calling it a career this year.

But not after one more fight with a credible opponent.

He thinks Pacquiao is among those.

"One more and that's it. This is my final year. I'm doing one fight and I'm hanging up the gloves," De La Hoya told the British news agency Reuters.

De La Hoya had a fight scheduled for September with Floyd Mayweather Jr. who beat him in a split decision for the WBC light welterweight title bout.

The unbeaten Mayweather, however, announced his retirement a few days ago, upsetting De La Hoya's fight card.

Oscar thinks Floyd Jr. is playing mind games.

"The time is running out. If Mayweather is thinking he can catch me at an older age next year, it's not going to happen. It has to happen by this year," De La Hoya told Reuters.

The Golden Boy said he would fight at 134 pounds (378 kg) and that any one who wants him to the ring will have to "adjust to that weight."

"There's an interesting fight happening, Miguel Cotto against (Jesseree) Margarito on July 26 for Cotto's WBC welterweight crown), that should be interesting to watch. Maybe I can get the winner," he added de la Hoya.

**COMMENTARY**

Manny Pacquiao is calling me out. He can jump up two or three weight classes and challenge me," De La Hoya said.

But a De La Hoya-Pacquiao fight does not sit well with trainer Floyd Mayweather Sr., the Golden Boy's trainer. Floyd Sr. says such a match is "ridiculous because of the size difference."

Whether Floyd Jr.'s observation resonates with Pacquiao remains to be seen, considering the Filipino megastar's penchant for mind set.

The Filipino star already has publicly said that after he takes the WBC lightweight crown from Orlando Daniel Diaz, he is eager to moving up in weight, again.

Pacquiao is coming a bout at 140 lbs. with British ring superstar Ricky Hatton.

The Manchester Hitman has said he will not fight De La Hoya, but would relish a fight with Pacquiao, should the Filipino take the 135 lb. jumped belt.

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Pacquiao leaves his ring La Mesa days in morrow (Sunday in Manila) for an open weekend at team in the heart of Manila Pl. precursor in Los Angeles.

Manny will shake out at Little Philippines Lake Street Park, then do media interviews about his upcoming battle with lightweight champ David Diaz.

Historic Filipinotown, between Westlake and Echo Park, has the highest concentration of Filipino-American residents in the United States. But Angeles their double team with Pacquiao will outnumbered by the area's Mexican and Central American population.

In master promoter Bob Arum's modus ingredient, the neighborhood is a gold mine to tap, and rightly so, for the Pacquiao-Diaz bout as the Mandalay Bay Hotel and Casino in Vegas on June 28.

SWIMMING DAUGHTER: Members of the recent Learn To Swim program of the Expo Ateja Golf and Country Club in Gen. Trias, Cavite conducted by coach Rey Pariapaz and Eagle Ridge Family Ambassa manager Omapra Ramirez display their certificates of completion. The eight-weekend program at the modern swimming pool was participated in by eighty girls and boys who were taught the basics of swimming for various skill levels.

# Aunzo finishes 3rd in New Mexico golf

FEREE AUNZO, STUMBLING on a double bogey on No. 13, settled for one-over par 71 and a third-place finish in the 93rd Southwestern Amateur in Santa Fe, New Mexico, Friday.

Matt Hallenberg, meanwhile, broke the title in some three-behind Jenkins.

Aunzo was on track in his bid for a third international title in six weeks but the reigning national champion could not close on No. 13, missed the green on his third shot and wound up with a double bogey six.

He sealed 206, three shots behind Hallenberg, who rallied from three shots down with the day's low score of 68 and captured the championship at 203.

Over in Georgia, Tomas Aunzo quarreled with a 71 and slid to joint 20th with a 143 after two rounds in the 79th Southeastern Amateur at the par-71 Country Club Columbia layout.

Mitch Reynolds matched par-71 for 150-to-post a one-shot lead over George Bryan II who finished with a 66-for 137.

Meanwhile, Miss Flores carded a 75 to finish in joint 28th with a 222 in the AAA Belles Girls Juniors Championships won by Victoria Tanco at the Carmel Country Club in Charlotte, North Carolina Friday.

# Solar continues Euro broadcast

FOOTBALL FANS GET TO WATCH THE UEFA Euro 2004 in the comfort of their homes as Solar Sports continues to air group matches leading to the much-awaited quarterfinal phase that begins on June 25.

Featured games today (June 12) pit Sweden against former Olympic gold medal winners Spain at 8 a.m. and defending champion Greece battling Russia at 10:30 a.m. in a pair of Group D matchups. The encounters between the Greeks and Russians will be replayed on Solar at 12 a.m. of June 16.

A total of four live games will also be shown, beginning with the late call between Switzerland and Portugal at 4:30 a.m. on June 14 and capped by the highly-anticipated showdown between world powers France and Italy (9:30 a.m.) on June 18.

The Swiss-Portuguese game is going to have a re-run on the same day (2 p.m. and at 12 a.m. on June 17 while the match up between the Italians and French, the finals presentation on the 2000 World Cup finals, will be aired again also on the 18th at 10 p.m.

Portugal is honored by Cristiano Ronaldo, the front runner for the 18th Player of the Year.

The two other live matches feature Germany vs Austria on June 17 (4:30 a.m.) and Russia vs Sweden on June 19 (4:30 a.m.).

PARTNERS: PLDT Smart head Manny V. Pangilinan shares a word with Purefoods Star Gil Pueblo during the launch of Alvin Teston Purefoods Bubbles team that will join the Ligo Pilipinas.

GUESS who's growing at the US Open? Tiger Woods, despite scoring off form on grey recently, finds himself in a favorable position as he stalks leader Scott Appleby. Woods won trophy pro-am shot.

TIGER ON THE PROWL

# Appleby sinks monster putt to stay ahead by 1

SAN DIEGO—SHE WENT THROUGH HER SECOND ROUND AT THE US OPEN on Friday, Tiger Woods looked like any other player trying to survive—bored herself in frustration with each shot that found trouble and kept him further from the lead.

Her hole changed everything.

With his spikes on a concrete path and a cute overhead, he fired an 8-iron toward the branches and over the bunker to 18 feet for a birdie on the first hole—the 10th of the day—that sent him cheering into contention.

He never missed another fairway or another green. He found a rhythm that made it hard to believe he had been missing for two months while recovering from knee surgery. Four more birdies for a 30 on his back nine rallied Woods to a 3-under 68 that left him one shot behind leader Stuart Appleby.

"I felt that if I played well in that back nine, I could definitely get back to even par for the tournament and I would be right back in the championship," Woods said. "And all of a sudden, I started seeing them in from everywhere."

He made a 30-foot birdie on No. 2, then a 25-foot birdie up the slope on No. 4. A 40-foot putt from 18 feet above the cup on the fifth broke sharply at the end and slid, appointed by another birdie.

"We went to play some golf, we went to play some golf," Appleby said, and that's far about. "And I'll be doing my best to accidentally throw a club toward the next hole. It will be an accident, of course."

Australian Appleby recovered from consecutive bogeys early on his back nine with birdies on the par 5s, none bigger than the 60th, where he sank a 45-foot putt to make sole lead at the midway point of the tournament.

It is his first lead in a major since he was one shot ahead of Woods going into the final round of the 2005 Masters.

Appleby will play the third round with American Rocco Mediate, who rendered 4-under at one point Friday before settling for a 71, one shot behind at 140.

Woods will play with Robert Karlsson, whom he defeated in a memorable Ryder Cup match two years ago, Karlsson shot 70.

Phil Mickelson had trouble keeping his 3-wood on the fairway, made six bogeys and shot 75 to fall seven shots behind.

His playing partner Woods started as poorly. Starting on Torrey Pines' back nine, his tee shot found the bunker on the par-5 14th, leading to bogey. Then came another shot into the greenside bunker—on the 15th, and another bogey and his tee shot on the 16th, where the tees were moved forward, landed in the bunker and made him settle for par.

That par lines 3 over for the tournament at the turn, six shots behind.

"I feel like I have more than there, because I improved by 17, and there I don't make a birdie on 18," Woods said. "I said, 'If I close up the back nine, I should be able to get back to even par for the tournament. And I ended up two better than that."

"I shot 30 on my back nine in a US Open," Woods said.

Appleby's putt on the 18th lifted the cut line, eliminating 11 players who were more than 10 shots off the lead.

Miguel Angel Jimenez of Spain made a quiet charge, and his birdie on the par-5 ninth gives him a tournament-best 66. He was at 1-under 141, along with Lee Westwood of England (71), Dean Lane (B-500) and JJ Henry (69).

Scott ended his second consecutive

STUART Appleby's plan against Tiger Woods: "Accidentally" hit Tiger's next shot with a club. AP

BIRDIES make it even par. AP/AFP

2-over 72 to drift seven strokes off the lead of his compatriot Appleby. Another Australian, Robert Allenby, remained in contention three strokes off the lead after a 2-over 72. He was keeping good company at even par, joined by Lonnie Wisner, Ernie Els and Geoff Ogilvy, England's Luke Donald and Sweden's Carl Pettersson.

The unlikely joint first-round leaders Kevin Stroelman (77) and Justin Rhodes (80) were then brief footnotes with glory all but disappear on day two. AP

# Murakami packs bags after an 83

ASIAN TOUR STALWART ARTHURO MURAKAMI's major debut suffered a premature end when he stumbled out of the US Open on Friday.

The 24-year-old Filipino carded a disappointing 12-over par 83 in the second round at Torrey Pines in San Diego to add to his opening 79 for a two-day total of 162.

At the second straight cut, a feeble begone five at the par-three third hole started Murakami's downfall as he went on to card a disappointing outward 44 which included a second double bogey at the fifth and four other bogeys.

"It was really difficult today," Murakami said. "Once you missed shots, you don't have a chance. The fairway only got me again. It's been like that since the junior world championship. I do not fairly would but make some mistakes with the irons.

"I have been at a lot this week. I still have to work hard in my game and I need to gain some distance to my driving and another club length on the irons to really be competing on a major. I've must be solid all round in a major.

"However, this experience I have has given me the impetus in me to get into another major. It's a nice feeling to be amongst the world's best players. It's a very strong field and I want to come back."

He birdied the 13th and 14th holes on the honeycomb nine but five more bogeys in between meant that he was packing up ere by the order year's second major.

Asian Tour honorary member Vijay Singh of Fiji struggled to a 76 after opening with a 71 to slip down the leaderboard on 149 while Korea's Choi Kyung-ju carded a 77 for a two-day total of 151.

AFP, Asian Tour News

# 'Clockwork Orange' colors France blue

BERN, SWITZERLAND—THE DUTCH always had beauty. Now they have clinical efficiency, too. Just ask France. Or Italy.

Creative sparkle and clinical finishing set the Netherlands up for a 4-1 win over France on Friday and spur the rapidly aging Frenchmen toward a game they must win against world champion Italy to stand a chance of staying in the European championship.

Wesley Sneijder, Arjen Robben and Robin van Persie all got on the scoresheet against France, while Lilian Thuram and Thierry Henry looked old and dull.

With a second classic performance in as many games, the Dutch again produced the goalless way champ, causing a total of seven goals against the two World Cup finalists.

Le Bleus had not conceded that many goals or lost by that rabbit's margin since 1982. The Netherlands, known as "Clockwork Orange," beat Italy 3-0 Monday for their record loss in a quarter century.

"We have had two monster wins with this team," Netherlands coach Marco van Basten said.

The Dutch had been outsiders to reach the quarterfinals with Italy and France in their group, yet qualified with a game to spare.

The only goal the 1998 champions have conceded came from Henry, who scored his record-45th goal for France in the 73rd minute. Robben, Van Persie, Sneijder and Dirk Kuyt also scored for the Dutch on Friday.

"Italy was already so beautiful, and

FRUSTRATED Thierry Henry hits out an acrobatic scissor after missing one easy goal opportunity. AP

that is exactly the same," said Sneijder, who was picked man of the match for the second time in a row. "Italy, yes, Italy and France are worthy to laugh at."

The second Dutch goal will be cherished by the Netherlands for years and will haunt the aging French defense. After Kuyt gave the Netherlands the lead in the ninth minute with a header from a corner kick, Van Persie finished off an attack in the 59th.

Daniel van Buyten spun some magic with close teammate to send Sneijder down the left and the counter was on. The winger outran opposition, baited his time and saw Van Persie make a run on the right. The Arsenal striker pulled it past Eugenio Cogliati for the second goal.

After Henry had put the game out of reach French coach with a substitution that a cross from the right by Willy Sagnol, the window in the 30,000-capacity stadium suddenly was shown.

One minute later, Robben was loose on the left, with Frenchmen gone defender Gilles Warnier ahead of him. Shooting at more the pace, he created space and rifled the ball past Cogliati high in the net. At 36, Thuram third looser what happened to him.

In injury time, another great goal is

nds it in. Van Nistelrooy served Van Persie, who served Sneijder in the corner. The Real Madrid midfielder turned his defender and with a ruthless shot from 25 meters capped another perfect counting.

"Lots have a party now. But too much because we will need to play the quarter finals," Sneijder said.

While the Dutch clinched first place in Group C, the result left France needing a win over World Cup champion Italy in its last match to stand a good chance of advancing. AP

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Business Features Editor Margie Quiroz-Espino

# Two things I learned from my father

Don't be embarrassed to make mistakes. Just don't repeat them.

A young Robina with dad John Gokongwei

By Margie Quiroz-Espino

**Tessie Sy**

*Old Investments Group vice chair*

*Daughter of Henry Sy, of SM conglomerate*

My dad has relentlessly taught us the value of hard work, frugality and integrity to survive well, and we can add discipline and determination to make a difference in our world.

**Robina Gokongwei-Pe**

*Robinsons Department Store group GM*

*Daughter of John Gokongwei Jr., founder and chair emeritus, JG Summit Holdings Inc.*

Two things I learned from him:

1. Read. When I was about eight, my dad would take me and my brother Lance, who was three, every Saturday morning to Makati Supermart (a what was then Makati Commercial Center (now Ayala Center Makati). Pa would leave us at the books sections of the store and then have his breakfast at the coffee shop. At that time when there were very few specialty stores, you could literally find everything under the roof of a supermarket.

Makati Supermart had this very nice books section. Me dad would tell Lance and myself that we could buy anything as long as they were books.

I remember that the first book I bought was a hard-cover picture book entitled "The Apostles" and it cost only P2.50. I was fascinated with the story of Jesus walking on water and the apostles getting shocked seeing Him do that. I think my dad thought I wanted to be a nun. I can not remember what Lance bought. I bought all my 38-plus Nancy Drew books at Makati Supermart, starting with "The Secret of the Old Clock." At that time, I didn't know why my dad wanted us to buy books. Now that I manage to get my articles published, I figured that it was because I developed the habit of reading. It's hard to write if one doesn't read.

2. Don't be embarrassed to make mistakes. Just don't repeat them.

Four years ago, I was deported by Shanghai Immigration. It was because I didn't

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TESSIE Sy with dad Henry Sy

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# Two things I learned from my father

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FF CRUZ with son Philip, grandchildren Macky and Ipe

(check my visa carefully. It had not yet expired but it was only good for a single entry, and I had already flown to China three weeks back. I was sure back via the last PAL flight that night and I was not with readers movement the whole time because the plane had to wait for this departure. When I told my dad about it, I was afraid of what he would say. Instead, he said, "All of us make mistakes. Even Napoleon Bonaparte, one of the greatest military rules, made mistakes.

It's when you repeat your mistakes and move from there—that you are really not using your head."

**Francis Chua**
*Ambassador to China, Mabuhay Solaris Corp.*
*Son of Bob Chua, an entrepreneur*
Diligence and word of honor

**Yoly Villanueva- Ong**
*Head of Gameplan and Sexy advertising agency*
*Daughter of Col. Jacel Villanueva (Ret.and) of the Philippine Army*
1. Depend only on yourself.
2. You can't choose your relatives but you don't have to live with them.

**Mikee L. Romero**
*CEO, Mediastar Center Port Terminal Inc./ owner, MC Batting Pro*
*Son of Rogelio Romero II or #2, chairman and CEO of R-2 Builders and R-II Group of Companies*

My father, Rogelio II, has certainly taught me everything I need to know with regards to dealing with life itself. He has shown me how I should act and react with my family, friends, school, business, etc. From the time me and my brother Nikki Lewis just built, the support and attention we did grow to us was amazing, despite his very hectic schedule. He was almost always there for us as a father and as a friend no matter how big or small the occasion was. These latterly values are the same things I was trying to replicate in my own family.

On the other hand, the thing I learned most from my dad with regards to business was his amazing philosophy that there is no shortcut to being successful. He has always instilled in my mind that success is driven by hard work and hard work alone. This philosophy which my dad is trying to live by example is likewise the same philosophy I am trying to push my life with for the most. All of us many years of my life. To my Kind Boy, you are such a great inspiration! Happy Father's Day Dad!

**Peter G. Ceylon**
*President & CEO, First Insurance Life Assurance Co. Inc.*
*Son of Roberto Ceylan Sr.*

My father was a pillar of the Philippine insurance industry. In September this year, we will commemorate his 80th birth anniversary and even if he is no longer around, we always celebrate Father's Day remembering every moment well-lived with him. Looking back, it is uncomfortable to tell that my own personal enduring lessons in my life, I learned from my father.

When I was studying and working abroad, that was the time when communication technology that we have now (cell phone, fax and e-mail) were not yet available, my father would write me a letter every single week. He never failed to remind me that they were great lessons in life on raising and giving time for the family. In all my growing up years, he gave us his most valuable possessions, I remember my dad giving us his time and any resources he had available to support us. Now that I have my own family, his lessons to care and give time for one's family has always been my abiding principle. Time enough. "We worldly success can compensate for failure in the home."

**Tina Maricela Ocampo**
*Entrepreneur, creator of high-end bio toiletries*
*Daughter of Col. Victor Espino Maricela*

1) Attract orders: Put back the thing you took from its original place. If you took it it again, you will know exactly where to find it.

2) Attract myself: Love your name, Catalina, because it means you are part of the universe. You will shine like one of the stars but remember to give light to others so God will make you shine brighter.

My father passed away when I was 23. He was a military man, a school to rank but an engineer in acquired degree. He was a musician, a boxer and a frustrated entertainer and politician. He practiced his desire to be a politician by being a respected leader to almost 100 families of farmers and saw love in his ranch in Masbate. He was a great father!

MIGHT: Romero with son Mikee

Musician N. Solimpeño held positions of leadership in different organizations, notably president of the local Nacionalista Party and the San Jose City Lawyers League. He was active in the Knights of Columbus, Rotary Club and Lions Club. Despite his stature, he moved freely among the simple folk as one of them. Our home was always open to receive people who dropped by to say hello for concerns and needs. He involved them to sit at our dining table which was set for company throughout the day. In our house, politicians mingled with farmers and workers as visitors of my father. He socialized everyone the same hospitality. I grew up learning to deal with people from all walks of life, learning from him not how to even having him lecture on treating all men with dignity and respect.

He was a lawyer by education, a businessman and farmer by profession. He had financial varied enterprises like several ice plants, farms, a cockpit, a hotel and even an ice cream factory. His interests were wide and diverse and he was always studying, studying himself and applying his knowledge for different pursuits. When he set his mind to do something, he endeavored to do it very well. It was the hallmark of his character to strive for excellence. He pushed himself to the limits and set an example for all of us, his children, to do the same. I was inspired by his accomplishments so much because myself in school and later in my career. It was a lesson that took me from entry-level position to the highest possible rank as a relatively young age. Aside from professional satisfaction that came out of my work, there was my father's pride that brought me much happiness. It was one way of thanking him for teaching me invaluable lessons through the example of his life.

# Lessons from dad

(Excerpts from the book, 'Our Father')

### Be fair to everyone

TONY IS STILL ON THE GO. HE IS 68 years old and still goes to work. He taught me to be fair to everyone. I admire greatly his patience and consistency. He is a great problem solver and when he makes a decision, it enjoys the approval of the majority.

—Philip Ong, son of PF Ong, founder, PF Ong and Co.

I have learned three valuable lessons from my father. The first is his strong, close work ethic. He leads by example, arriving first in the office and leaving last. The second is the importance of a good education. He family lost everything during the war but he remained with his studies and excelled even, believing that even if you lose everything, education will always put you back on track. The third lesson is the importance of treating people fairly. He never played favorites in business or family which everyone greatly appreciates.

JOSE Antonio with Monica, Carlo and Jiggs

—Wilfred Uytengsu Jr. son of Fred Uytengsu Sr., chair Alaska Mill Co.

### Be Happy!

Be Happy! Means much more than a feel-good catch phrase to us; it is the way in which papa has taught us to live our lives. We do our find happiness and fulfillment merely waiting for us, we work for it and we nurture it with love and goodness, much like the bee that unsomplainingly plows through the day's work for the betterment of the common good.

—Sherika, Krysela, and Ericson, children of Ara Tiongsanting, EVP and COO, Jollibee Foods Corp.

### Value education

Not too many people know that our father is scared of heights. Yet this fear has never prevented him from taking us on tours of the tallest buildings around the world and sharing with us his love for beautiful architecture. I think this says a lot about the kind of man my father is.

My dad values education and learning above most things, instilling in us a passion for education and constant learning. He has taught us a different path towards the accomplishment of our goals. From him we learned to go forward by working backwards, to think with the conclusion in mind.

—Jiggs, Marco, and Carlo Arcenas, sons of Jose Antonio, chair of Century Properties

WILFRED Uytengsu Sr.

### Love for family

If there is one quality that I admire most in my father, it is his unconditional love for our family. He sacrifices as a businessman did not rob him of his desire to spend time with us. He more important than the material blessings he has given us is the time he has always set aside to nurture and care for our family.

I remember as a young boy, my father would screw late at night from a business trip, yet readily give up precious hours of sleep just so he could join us for breakfast and chat with us. He would take time off from work to attend our parent-teacher conferences to make sure we were doing well in school.

—Ana Alberic Alba, son of Frank Alba, founder and chair of Prudential Life Plans, Inc.

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The "Our Father" book is set to be launched today in Holy Rosary Benilauc High Street with a Photo Exhibit by Jun de Leon. Heart warming topics on fatherhood, such as "Things I learned from my father" and "What my children have taught me" will be shared by some of our featured dads and their children.

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## Global spa economy costs $255B a year

THE GLOBAL SPA ECONOMY IS ESTIMATED to be over $255 billion, according to a major report unveiled recently at the 2008 Global Spa Summit, held recently in New York.

Prepared by SRI International on behalf of The Global Spa Summit, the first-ever Global Spa Economy Report represents the most comprehensive effort yet to quantify the rapidly expanding global spa industry. More than 220 industry leaders from around the world attended this year's summit, which was highlighted by keynote speeches from Jennifer Lee Granger and Dr. Richard Carmona, 17th surgeon general of the United States and vice chair of Canyon Ranch.

The Philippines was represented by Carlos Apollonio Ayuyao, president of Siargao Spa and Spa Professionals International Development Center, who was part of the panel on spa labor.

The report's estimate, which looked at the year 2007, includes $68.3 billion in core spa industry revenues, such as spa facilities, medical services, relocation, consulting, media, associations and events, and $191 billion in spa-related hospitality, tourism, and real estate.

The report also found that 1.2 million workers were employed in more than 71,000 spas worldwide in 2007.

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THE VEGETABLE noodles are expected to be the government's "Tesdaban Mutin" entries in Jobi in August

Sunday BIZ

# Benguet veggie noodles, anyone?

By Dolores Cudiz
Inquirer Northern Luzon

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet—The first batch of vegetable noodles from Benguet State University's (BSU) nutrition center is being produced and nutritionists are excited how they would fare among the local market.

The noodles are expected to be the government's "Tesdaban Mutin" entries in Jobi in August, says Dr. Violeta Jalida, production project team leader.

Noodle production became a priority of BSU following President Macapagal-Arroyo's directive to the university to make the product and help cushion the impact of soaring food prices on poor families.

Ms Arroyo saw samples of the noodles at a feeding center here when she visited the town in March and immediately issued a P10-million check to launch a mass production project.

Dr. Rogelio Golding, BSU president, says the project is the first of its kind for highland vegetables. He says BSU researchers are working round the clock to bring the noodles to the market.

Jalida says BSU has targeted the initial distribution of 5,000 kilograms of vegetable noodles a month.

The noodles are made from the peasant's vegetables—camote, spinach, broccoli, potatoes, cabbage, sweet potato, celery and other indigenous crops.

"They are tasty. We will pack them nicely and market them aggressively," she says.

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# Criticism that counts

AMERICANS HAVE A WARPED VIEW of criticism. Understandably, most of us see criticism almost exclusively in a negative light. We think it can swallow us, use it to tear down rivals, and attack others with a vengeance when we have an inclination to do so.

It seems that Internet help that we are inundated with poor examples of criticism in the media. Not intended, consider American Idol's British judge, Simon Cowell. It's not uncommon for Simon's scathing criticisms to elicit tears from contestants. His words are given sincerely, but harshly. Describing Simon, it's as if he relishes finding faults in another's imperfections.

Election season paints another ugly picture of criticism. Deliberate vitriol is like an ax to cut down their opponents. Instead of debating ideas in a civil forum, too often politicians lower themselves into character assassination.

Another media avenue, the blogosphere, has become criticism overload in America. Bloggers attack the character of leaders they don't know and call against decisions made in circumstances they could never understand. Partisan frequently claim inflammatory remarks about conflict without adding any substantial value to the interplay of ideas.

## Criticism defined

Given the less than stellar models of criticism prevailing in society, we need a healthy definition of criticism along with practical guidance for giving and receiving it. In an April 1 article for BusinessWeek, Jr. Bruce Nussbaum gives us exactly that. Here's how he describes the value of criticism:

"The goal of true criticism is to help someone be the best they can be ... When criticism is done appropriately, the person who has been criticized will understand what he or she has done wrong and will feel inspired to make a change for the better. Not only should we not avoid being critical, we should embrace criticism because it is the only way we can continue to grow professionally and personally."

The following practical tips are intended to flesh out the ways we can begin to embrace and wisely employ criticism as leaders.

## When giving criticism

*Encouragement helps criticism to land*

Before a pilot lands an aircraft, she goes through a series of procedures to make the plane's tasks clear to passengers as possible. The pilot gently drops altitude, gradually cuts back on speed, and lowers landing gear as per the flight manual. If these steps are handled incorrectly, the ride is certain to be turbulent.

**A LEADER'S WAY**

*John C. Maxwell*

and may end up in disaster.

For criticism to "land" well, it must be preceded by encouragement. Leaders double their people to criticism when they neglect to encourage them regularly. If leaders are alone after viewing the ingredients during the year, then team members are primed to defend to any open to suggestions for improvement under what feels like a constant barrage of negativity.

*Criticism should avoid being personal*

Criticism should avoid being personal, but it should have the support of a personal relationship. To prevent personal insult, leaders should carefully pinpoint specific actions or areas to criticize. People can accept negative feedback of their performances, but they falsely when they feel their personalities are under attack.

Leaders effectively deliver constructive criticism when they have taken the time to acquaint themselves with those they lead. Without relational connections, the person receiving criticism may feel their leader has a personal vendetta against them. However, if they are convinced their leader respects their efforts and values their growth, they are more likely to be receptive to tough words.

## When receiving criticism

*Selectively filter criticism*

The highest up a person goes in leadership, the more criticism he or she will receive—guaranteed. While some criticism builds up, other criticism tears down. Leaders must learn to distinguish between the two.

The acid test of criticism is made up of three questions:

Does the criticism have basis in fact?

Is the criticism offered constructively—in an effort to help?

Does the criticism have the insights and perspective to speak credibly?

When all three questions can be answered, "yes," then a leader should take the criticism seriously and weigh its meaning. If any questions can be answered, "no," then a leader is best served to let the criticism go to enter and not the mind.

*Avoid overreacting*

A leader who routinely dismisses criticism chokes off vital feedback. When leaders ignore or suppress opposing views, they miss the opportunity to sharpen their vision. Wise leaders want to be challenged, not coddled. They surround themselves with voices that speak what they need to hear instead of saying only what they want to hear.

On the other extreme, leaders with thin skin are rattled by all manner of criticism. They agonize over the opinions of people whose input is unsolicited and undervalued to be helpful. They allow several gnawing voices to eat at their confidence. Ultimately, such leaders cede authority by subjecting their decision-making to the approval of outsiders.

Listen, learn, know

Sincere criticism rarely comes without a morsel of truth. For a leader, the trick is to stay open when confronted with negative feedback. When criticized, people are tempted to react defensively, angrily, or from a place of hurt. With emotions underlying those attacks, it can be difficult to keep listening and to absorb critical comments.

Those who gain the most out of criticism hold their tongue and control their emotions in order to gain access to hard truths. By listening and remaining objective, they grow increasingly self-aware and improve their leadership.

For information on John Maxwell's leadership seminars, please e-mail us at bizgrowth@gmail.com or call 823-2040 ext. 2702. Happy Father's day!

## FEATURES IN BRIEF

### Landco to develop leisure resort

LANDCO, A DEVELOPER OF LEISURE COMMUNITIES, is set to develop a beachfront community in Lapu-Lapu, Batangas. Dubbed Playa Laiya, it is the fourth in a series of Landco's seaside communities, the first three being Peninsula de Punta Fuego, Tres Islas de Punta Fuego in Nasugbu, Batangas, and Playa Solihiljan, in Calatagan, Batangas.

The estate will occupy a 1.5-kilometer stretch of white sand and urban-oriented will feature a mix of commercial and residential communities. Laiya's proximity to the capital and its accessibility via the neighboring provinces make it a prime attraction for local and foreign tourists.

Playa Laiya is envisioned to be the largest beach community and the hub of beach tourism and commercial development in the Southeastern Luzon area.

This project is a joint venture between Landco Pacific Corp. and Ayala Land Inc.

### Secrets to franchising

WITH LIMITLESS FILIPINO INGENUITY AND rich human resources for an advanced, highly trainable workforce, franchising in the Philippines is a key location for successful businesses to branch out and achieve national market presence via franchising.

But it is not as easy as it seems, beyond just having capital, says Jose Magsaysay Jr., chief executive officer of Omni Corp. / Potato Corner. There are important strategies that Filipinos intending of getting into franchising need to know, the same secrets to success that members of the Philippine Franchise Association (PFA) are preparing at the 15th Philippine International Franchise Conference and Expo (PIFCE) on July 9 to 11, at the Renaissance Hotel in Makati City.

Magsaysay, also PFCE 2008 overall chairman, pointed out another one to franchising success: Dream big!

**Franchisability.** A growing business with several outlets is a good indication that it is ready to franchise. "Franchising is a duplication of a successful business," states Magsaysay. "If your business is already successful, then franchising is a viable business strategy that will help your enterprise grow and expand."

**What are ideal for franchising?** These are businesses that have a good track record of profitability, a unique or unusual concept, broad geographic appeal, relatively easy to operate, relatively inexpensive to operate, and easily duplicated.

Aside from these considerations, it is also important to seek professional help from franchise experts to find out if your business is ready to be franchised. The PFA can refer you to franchise experts to help you test the "franchisability" of your business, and train and help you refine a potent but "franchisee-looking for possible business opportunity.

**Track records.** Jollibee is a prime example of a successful homegrown concept that has expanded through franchising. In 23 years, Jollibee has 1,200 stores in the Philippines and 100 outlets in the US and Brunei. Jollibee's branch ice cream parlor serving hot treats and sandwiches back in 1978, hit the P500 million sales mark in 1984, and less than 18 years into the business, broke the P1 billion sales mark in 1988. It made its way to the Philippines' top 100 corporations in 1991, and was the first homegrown company to be listed at the Philippine Stock Exchange in 1993, laying the foundations for continuous expansion locally and internationally.

Other homegrown concepts such as Jollibee's Bakeshop, Mangan, Hardrocks, Bayan Hainanchen, Fiddled and Hang, Binyo, Kantoran and Sarsendo Sayawanin, have also franchised.

At the PFA conference, Lincoln Tanmantiong, Jollibee Foods Corp. president, will present "The Big Dream: A Thousand Stores" in the keynote speech, to rally everyone on board big, on July 9.

Co-presented by PLDT Business Solutions and Inland, the two-day conference will focus on franchising as a strategy for entry into businesses and expansion. For inquiries, call 687-0555 local 27.

### Spa joins franchise expo

BLUE WATER DAY SPA, WHICH RECENTLY entered into a franchising, will participate in the 15th Philippine International Franchise Conference Expo on July 11 to 13 to be held at the SMX Convention Center, Mall of Asia.

Known for its signature massage, the Tahitian lime and olive therapy, Blue Water Day Spa boasts of its other unique therapies such as the crystal massage therapy, body, hand and foot treatments, and recently added in their new treatment—the Sabina cacao massage and the chocolate slimming mud therapy.

Recently, Blue Water Day Spa opened the services of popular celebrities, GMA 7's Marian Rivera and ABS-CBN's heartthrob Piolo Pascual, to be its latest image models to model its new array of massage treatments.

At present, Blue Water Day Spa has two franchise branches—Alabang at Ayala Premiere Park in Alabang and Molino Uptown, Cavite City. Franchise packages range from P1.5 to P4 million.

### MMLDC 'brews' team-building for Starbucks

THEY WERE "KNITTED AND TIED," CHEERED "ego-ego," masked their faces with ground coffee, and carried native backpacks filled with vegetables as offering to the Apo (literal god) for a bountiful harvest. The managers and super stars of Starbucks Coffee came to the Mansion Development Center (MMLDC) recently for a leadership camp and team building.

"We all had a great time and we're very impressed with how well-organized and professional the MMLDC team has been," said Joel Cruzado, learning and development manager of Starbucks, who was part of the team that created an exact replica of a Sandoval community, which is located in the province of Bukidnon, Mindanao, very own Philippine Island, Kapa Bisig.

Aptly described as a "unique" team building, participants had an amazing Race-style program with a tribal theme. Two hundred participants from Starbucks stores all over the country performed traditional rituals and ceremonies that are rarely observed nowadays. The tribal theme reflects how Filipinos have incorporated the coffee-drinking culture into their daily lives.

Team-building activities are increasingly a must in companies these days since it is an effective strategy to foster harmonious working relationships and strengthen business networking among sectors, subsidiaries and remote employees.

Moreover, these team-building activities being offered in the market are just a series of rides or intimate courses that arouse and guarantee a fun time for all but wanting in terms of addressing the needs of the company.

MMLDC specializes in providing the most appropriate learning solutions to various companies and groups. It offers a "one-stop-shop" package from organizational alignment to conceptualization and execution of programs together with facilities and facilitators.

# Improving sewerage to improve lives

THE DEPLORABLE STATE OF Metro Manila's waterways has been attributed mainly to the unregulated wastewater that households produce everyday. Accounting for over half of the total wastewater that flows into the water bodies, poor sanitation and sewerage problems have led to all of Metro Manila's major river systems being biologically dead.

The damage done has not been yet deemed irreversible.

With 2008 having been declared as the International Year of Sanitation, there is no measure to concern given to the serving of safe and potable water.

In the case of Metro Manila, that only a small percentage of the households are connected to proper sewerage systems is a cause for great alarm, however, it has been downplayed by many immediate concerns.

The Philippine Environmental Monitor of 2003 by World Bank estimates a total of P67 billion per year in losses (P3 billion in health, P17 billion from fisheries, and P47 billion in overall).

Only about 10 percent of the wastewater disposal of their wastewater through sewers, while less than 65 percent are utilizing septic tanks, which, at best, provide incomplete wastewater treatment. Septic tanks need regular maintenance, most even every five to seven years. Further, improper or the lack of maintenance renders septic tanks useless leading to the direct overflow of wastewater from household plumbing systems to drainage or creeks.

To make things worse, about 2 to 10 percent are completely without sanitation facilities and are discharging directly to water bodies.

The commissioners of the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS), which are the Manila Water Co. Inc. (MWCI) and Maynilad Water Services Inc. (MWSI), remain strong in addressing these problems.

MWSI, in particular, covers the west wastewater area while Manila Water covers the east concession area. There are mandated to provide not only clean and safe drinking water but sewerage and sanitation services.

In the case of Manila Water, it has been relentless in pursuing its mission plan of effectively rehabilitating the wastewater in its concession area through the improvement of the Metro's sanitation and sewer agreements until 2022.

After having achieved 99 percent of the central distribution area of the east area with 24-hour water supply, it has recently bolstered its efforts to increasing sewerage and sanitation coverage.

From the 8-percent sewer coverage back in 2006, it has now expanded its coverage to 12 percent, and more improvements are seen to happen in the next 13 years.

And while it has been deemed unrealistic to pursue and implement a centralized sewer system for the Metro at present, a decentralized approach to sewerage is seen as the most appropriate for the situation in the country.

The limitations to the centralized sewer system are due to the difficulty and expenses involved in excavating the existing flood drain systems and installing sewer traffic can

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drilling for the affected areas.

The decentralized approach is done through the provision of packaged sewage treatment systems, particularly on-site wastewater treatment plants for medium and high-rise housing or communities, and by rehabilitating and taking control of existing sewerage systems.

Manila Water has also connected its sewerage treatment treatment plants (STP) like the recently upgraded Magallanes Sewerage Treatment Plant which handles the Makati commercial district. There are also other smaller STPs in operation like the UP sewage treatment facility.

For homeowners directly connected to sewer networks, Manila Water is aggressively pursuing its Sanitary Pits or Barangay projects, which offers scheduled desludging services for the communities. It has even backed up in four of vacuum trucks, now totaling 52, to cope with the demands of the growing metropolis.

With links to global concerns such as the environment, economic growth, and protecting the dignity and ensuring the social development of people, the proper methods of treatment of wastewater can seen as a great step toward improving the quality of life.

# Benguet veggie noodles, anyone?

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producers), Ishida says. Vegetable ingredients such as pasta, meat, sausages, nuggets, fresh juice, cut, purees and soups, frozen and dehydrated vegetables soup, flour and cassava would also be produced.

"The project would definitely boost the farmers' income since the school's processing center would provide an alternative market for local vegetables," says Dr. Ben Albright Medrid, BSU vice president for research, development and extension of the Highland Agricultural Resources Research and Development Consortium (HARRDEC).

Smith says the processing of vegetables into noodles would eliminate post harvest losses and transport costs. "Off-sized fresh vegetables would also become usable," she says.

For a start, she says BSU would aim for 2,160 kg of potatoes and 720 kg of leafy vegetables a month to produce potato noodles mixed with other vegetables.

At a processing rate of 12 times a month for 12 months, 25.9 tons of potatoes and 8.64 tons of vegetables would be processed a year, she says.

If pure potato noodles would be produced, 3,960 kg would be processed a month or 47.5 tons a year at the same production rate, she adds.

Existing soya noodle production needed a separate facility, hence, BSU decided to use P6 million of the P10-million that Ms. Arroyo gave to build a modest processing center.

At least P1 million would be used to buy equipment and the rest would be used for operational expenses, he says.

Ishida, also HARRDEC deputy director, says the rest ten and initial production of the noodles would be completed at BSU's Northern Philippines Root Crops Research and Training Center (NPRCRTC) pending the processing center's completion.

Ishida says all noodles require the use of wheat flour. "But based on our research, root crops are starchy, just like wheat flour," she says.

The use of potatoes and other root crops, such as vegetable noodles and wheat flour substitute, would be a big help to the growth of the local vegetable industry, she says.

"Imagine the decrease in production cost if the dependence on imported wheat flour would be greatly reduced," she says.

Commercially produced noodles are sold at P30 for every 55 to 60 strings. "Maybe we can sell our noodles at a lower but reasonable price, enough to recoup our production cost," Ishida says.

CAROLINE Barrera-Abano of Carrefoods Enterprise

By Nita Catherine Calleja
Inquirer Southern Luzon

# Owners smell profits in dried fish business

CARRYFOODS' products are packed in vacuum-sealed plastic to prolong their shelf life.

ROSARIO, CAVITE—From grade school to high school, Caroline Barrera-Abano felt ashamed of their smoked and dried fish business. She was embarrassed when a classmate remarked "tumatapon kayo ng isda kasi ang baho" (you throw away fish because it stinks).

Through Carrefoods Enterprise, which was named by her grandmother Soreno Barrera and continued by her mother Carmelita Barrera, Abano and her two siblings received good education from private universities.

The Barreras formally enrolled money from smoked and dried fish.

Showing the hitting and drying area of "tirapa" and "tuyo," Abano notes that "When you work here, be prepared to stink."

## Tradition

Preserving fish has been a tradition in the province of Cavite, most especially in Rosario town, 30 kilometers south of Manila.

Abano says since the time of Philippine flag maker, Marcella Agoncillo, smoked and dried fish were being served to Katipuneros during the Spanish times.

Asiñan, the old name of Rosario, was derived from the Spanish word "asi" or salt. When people say "Tatapong Asiñan," they refer to smoked fish made in the town of Salitran or Rosario.

In the early '50s, fishing, selling fresh fish and preserving fish were the ways of life in Rosario because each time the sea was a major source of livelihood.

Preserving fish was also one of the main occupations of the women here.

During this time, Abano notes that her grandmother was buying smoked and dried fish from small-time producers in their town and then peddling them on a "sibat" (bamboo tray) in the streets.

Other products like South Carabao, Nueva Ecija and Bataan later followed the footsteps of Rosario. Cavite is processing fish, Abano notes.

The town, however, has since been known for other things, outside of fish preservation. It now has the 219-hectare Cavite Economic Zone, which houses more than 200 factories.

## Generations

Before Soreno died due to illness, young Carmelita, who married a fisherman, took over. Half of their catch was sold fresh while the rest were preserved.

Abano says smoked and dried fish patronized them from going from house to house.

"Abonan all fish vendors were hankiepi because they couldn't make profits," she says.

The influx of fish from Mindoro Occidental and Oriental caused a significant plunge in the prices of fish coming from their town and Navotas.

"My mother once had ways for us to survive so she processed the remaining fresh fish," she says.

And income from processing fish was much higher than selling fresh fish.

Abano's mother would sell fresh fish before dawn and begin processing what were left from 4 o.m.-6 a.m.

When a man contracted Carmelita with a lot, they expanded their business and increased their production. Abano says her mother worked very hard for their business to grow considering she only had P1,000 to start with.

## Multi-exhibits

In 2000, Carrefoods Enterprise started to develop the packaging and labeling of its products to cater to society's upper class consumers.

If before, tirapa and tuyo were only wrapped in old newspapers, now they are packed in vacuum-sealed plastic bags to improve their shelf life.

In that same year, Carrefoods tried attending trade fair and exhibits to malls in Manila.

"At first, some people were surprised that goods like these were now being exhibited," she said, adding that some still frown at the smell of tirapa and tuyo while others rushed to their stall to order.

The trade fairs proved that tuyo and tirapa were still favorites dished among Filipinos.

According to her, "Ilang dalang-dalang yan kahit sa ibang bansa (Even Filipinos abroad crazed for it)."

Since their products became a hit, they have been joining mall exhibits at least thrice a year.

## International market

Apart from their stalls in the public markets of Manggahan, Salitran, and Santa Rosario, Carrefoods' products reach Manila through middlemen and traders. One trader buys from 500 to 600 kilos of fish products twice a week, says Abano.

Through six regular exporters consigning the company's products, they were able to reach as far as Guam, Kuwait, Australia, the United States and Saipan.

Because the customers were in demand abroad, Carrefoods maintained the products' export quality.

"On our part, we have to search our markets every day to see to it they are doing the processing right," she says.

She adds that they also have to constantly develop the packaging and labeling to attract customers.

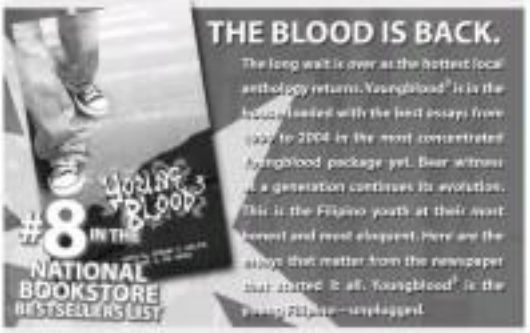
## 'Edge'

Being a family-owned business is an "edge" with Abano handling the marketing side while her mother and two siblings take care of production.

"Because we are family there were no bonuses when one took advantage of the other," she says.

She adds that their family was ardent in expanding the business because "it has been here since our grandparents' time."

Such plans include exporting directly, purchasing more equipment and widening the processing area, says Abano, who emphasizes that "exporting and expanding are always our goals."

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# Earning a living from a hooked needle

SATURNINA Bucad, the 60-year-old owner of D'New Ramos Crochet

By Russell Arador
Inquirer Central Luzon

IN BARANGAY Pance, crocheting is part of the curriculum for Grades 5 and 6.

In Ramos town, the skill of crochet is taught by mother to daughter when they are young

RAMOS, TARLAC—WHILE children her age were playing "patintero" on the street a few meters away, 10-year-old Abigael Carbonne of Barangay Pance here was sitting on a white plastic chair under an old mango tree, deftly using a hooked needle to create a flesh-colored baby's (sleeved) sweater) from a ball of woolen cotton.

Abigael, a Grade 5 pupil at the Barangay Pance Elementary School (BPES) here, does not mind the corner job her friends.

"Nagsi-sepsip namang pa-akyat ito at pero ito rin akong naglalaro (I enjoy crocheting. It's not work for me but playl," she says.

She said the money she earned from her last crochet project, which she finished in two days, to buy the school materials she needs this school year, according to her mother, Imelda, 42, herself skilled at crochet.

The Carbonnes' skill, however, is not unique in this village of nearly 6,000 households.

Silvestre Bingat, who had been secretary of the barangay for 13 years, says about 60 percent of Pance's population could crochet.

He says almost all of those women members or daughters who want to augment their family's income by accepting crochet projects.

There are men who also do crochet for a living, though, but their number is insignificant, he says.

Bingat says crocheting has become so much a part of the village's socioeconomic life that about five years ago it was included in the curriculum for Grades 5 and 6 at the BPES.

Under the national government's One Town One Product (OTOP) program, the making of crocheted products is a showcase industry of the fifth-class municipality of Ramos. The town, located 28.6 kilometers from Tarlac City, has an area of 29.4 square kilometers and a population of 18,869 people or 3,320 households.

A priority program of the national government, Dasp aims to create jobs and promote entrepreneurship.

The program places upon the shoulders of city and municipal mayors the responsibility of "identifying, developing and promoting a specific product or service that has competitive advantage."

It also "supports micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to manufacture, offer and market distinctive products or services through the use of indigenous raw materials and local skills and talents."

Sanctorian Bautista, owner of D'New Ramos Crochet, one of two microenterprises in Ramos town that is supported by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) under the Otop program, says Barangay Pance's reputation first learned crocheting in 1972 when they worked as the Bantayat Knitting Industry in the nearby Municipality of Tarlac, 7 km away. (The other SME is Cobanes Crochet and Knitting in the nearby Barangay Gaberli.)

Essentially under a subcontracting arrangement, the crochet workers would be given bills of yarn and a crochet needle to do their crocheting at home. They were then paid for every crochet project that they had finished.

After some time, many there women stopped working for two reasons.

First, their town was a flood-prone area and it was very difficult and inconvenient for them to work through knee-high floodwater just to procure the materials for their projects and to deliver the completed products, Dacera says.

Second, the competition for projects became tough with the coming of more workers.

Married and a few of her companions, however, kept going until the company shut down in the early 1980s. They then went to work for another company in Rosales, Pangasinan. Sheryn married there five years until she decided to work as a domestic helper in Singapore in 1986.

Tragedy struck her family when her eldest son was stabbed dead in 1990, forcing her to go home.

Financially, the three were hard but they were made resourceful. Her husband, Absalon, who used to farm lands, would no longer work because of an eye illness. He underwent eye surgery in 2005 but has remained without work since then.

To make both ends meet, Bautista, 63, resumed work doing crochet projects.

But this time around, she involved the community and became an entrepreneur herself.

With assistance from the DTI in Tarlac City, she put up D'New Ramos Crochet in 2007.

In 2007, her shop was one of the most outstanding Otop small and medium-scale enterprise (SME) in Tarlac province for "effectively and efficiently creating its operations and contributing to the local economy in terms of employment, sales and investment generation."

The same year, it represented Tarlac in the Central Luzon wide search for most outstanding Otop SME.

Bautista says that while the export market was promising, having ventured a number of projects from "big-time" exporters, local trade fairs have stimulated the best outlets for her products.

She says while preordered items could chalk up a weekly income of between P2,000 and P3,000, her participation in trade fairs could bring in more.

For example, in the week-long "Libis ng Central Luzon" trade fair held last year, she sold P75,000 worth of crocheted items.

Bautista says crocheted products sell at a relatively high price in trade fairs. They are cheaper when sold in the public market as souvenir items in Baguio City, for example, she says.

"But in why crochet jobs done by trade fairs earn workers higher pay than those made for other outlets.

Still, at least among those who have mastered enough self-confidence (and capital) to go into the crochet business as micro-entrepreneurs, local markets like Baguio City are a good enough place to start.

Felina Bengco, 36, started her own crochet business two years ago when her 23-year-old daughter, assisted by her other children, put up P15,000 as her starting capital.

She promptly traveled to Baguio City to buy the materials she would need and formed the jobs out in 58 crochet workers of Pance.

Ever since, every Friday, she would go to Hilmer's Flores Park in Baguio to sell her wares of about 200 pieces of crocheted blouses, bolero, underpinnings, etc.

She says that even though the prices of raw materials have gone up—for instance, a kilo of yarn, worth P500 two years ago, now costs P580—the selling prices of her items have remained the same.

"Hindi naman nagtataas ng presyo kasi ayaw ng mga suki namin na magtaas. Ayun ng presyo (We don't hike our prices because our clients wouldn't like that)," she says.

Like many skilled crochet workers in Ramos town, particularly in Barangay Pance and Gaberli, Bengco started crocheting when she was still a child and worked under Bautista, whom they acknowledge as the "pasaka leader" (admission leader).

Bautista's contemporary, Rosalia Bispico, 67, says she had been doing crochet since she was 13 years old.

When her eight children were old enough, Espino says, she taught them crocheting so they could help her.

They continued to help her until the day they got married. Espino says crocheting helped tide her family over the lean years. "Malaking ang bahagi nito. Kung hindi kami nagpagpatiyan hindi kami kakain (Life was hard then. If we didn't do crochet jobs we wouldn't be able to eat)," she says.

# Coming soon: Cosmetics line from 'makapuno'

By Amy R. Barro

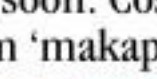
THE PHILIPPINES, INDEED, holds a treasure trove of precious plants, herbs and vegetables.

While a number of these plants such as malunggay, tawa-tawa and sweet sunflower have already been studied and are well on their way for commercialization, the Department of Agriculture has yet to tap and exhaust all possible sources of cosmetic ingredients for food, animal feeds, medicines, herbal products and even cosmetics.

Adding to the long list of these potential resources is makapuno, the so-called tree-of-the-gods, according to the Philippine Coconut Authority.

Considered a delicacy and largely used for making preserves and ice cream, makapuno cannot be kept in storage and still not germinate. It has a short "Shelf-life" and "Shelf-life" and hard meat, the PCA says in a statement.

Recently, the PCA's Albay Research Center (PCA-ARC) jumped on the bandwagon and started to develop its core personal care products from makapuno (from Makapuno" by the PCA Central Office.



(LEFT) yam-derived makapuno galactomannan, (right) biodegradable film

cost of makapuno.

**Makapuno' cosmetics underway**

According to the PCA-ARC, makapuno may be used to make hand and body lotion, hand sanitizers, facial masks, hand creams and hair gel, shampoo, conditioner and even a biodegradable edible film, which can be used as wrapper for candies and lumpia.

PCA-ARC's Dr. Elsie Judith D. Rodriguez says she had begun a study on makapuno, as she was inspired to find other high-value products that can be made out of this favorite Filipino dessert.

She says she was awarded three years ago a P100,000-grant for a project proposal entitled, "Isolation, Characterization and Utilization of Galactomannan from Makapuno" by the PCA Central Office.

According to her, makapuno has a high content of galactomannan, a polysaccharide that is also classified as a gum.

"This galactomannan gives the makapuno a "jelly-like solid endosperm (meat) and highly viscous liquid endosperm," she explains.

"Usually the meat is made into jam while the liquid endosperm is thrown away," Rodriguez says.

Rodriguez says discovered that the newly harvested makapuno liquid endosperm...when applied as is on the hands and other parts of the body (including hair)—has a soothing and moisturizing effect. This had prompted her to try making hand and body lotion of this byproduct.

On top of discovering the endosperm's moisturizing effect, Rodriguez's study was able to develop an inexpensive and large-scale method of isolating the galactomannan from the water-makapuno liquid endosperm.

She later called the solution, like any powder of galactomannan out as blak gum, which forms the major ingredient of a hand and body lotion. A first of many makapuno liquid endosperm can make 30 grams of blak gum.

Rodriguez says the galactomannan is a natural biopolymer that has a "natural lipophoning function making it suitable for formulations that wont dry, damaged or aged skin."

Compared to other hand and body lotion products out in the market, Rodriguez says a makapuno-based lotion is better because it is natural, nongreasy and no allergic reactions have been observed upon its application.

According to the PCA-ARC, it has also tried making makapuno hand sanitizers and will soon be working on formulating facial masks, hair cream and hair gel, shampoo and conditioner and a body massage lotion out of the makapuno.

**Not just for cosmetics**

Other than cosmetics, the PCA-ARC was also able to produce out of blak gum a biodegradable edible film, which can be used as an efficient wrapper for candies and lumpia.

Rodriguez adds that the edible film will also be tried as a possible gauze for wounds.

"There is now a high demand for stable, biodegradable wound dressing materials that can absorb body fluids and deliver medications to keep wounds clean and fast speeding the healing process," she explains.

PCA-ARC is also looking at the potential use of the blak gum as toothpaste thickener, a binder in medicated tablets and a soft gel capsule for active ingredients dissolved in oil.

"Research and development of the makapuno value-added products should be continued until ready for consumer utilization," Rodriguez says.

However, funding for the project is among the major constraints, as well as the lack of sufficient raw materials—which are the resource agent items—due to the destructive harvesting by typhoons to major coconut producing provinces two years ago.

"Hence there is a need for massive planting of coconuts for makapuno to ensure sufficient supply for a wide range of food, cosmetic, pharmaceutical and industrial applications," Rodriguez says.

But while the road is still long for the makapuno high-value products, Rodriguez had expressed optimism that there is a bright future that awaits these products.

She said that she compared to other countries, the Philippines has the capability to expand its makapuno plantings, and thus, increase the production of makapuno-based high-value products, such as cosmetics.

'The Philippines has the capability to expand its *makapuno* plantings'

MAKAPUNO products: Skin exfoliant and hand sanitizer

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# Three cheers for fathers and foodies!

As we all did our tasks, I focused on trying not to set the kitchen ablaze

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# Three cheers for fathers and foodies!

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their Asian-themed lunch. I had a hunch they would win because they used a lot of the UP's products like Bicol Boil Broth, pasta and Kiosk Instal-Glaze sauce. And to cap it off, they had Instal-Glaze sauce on the coconut ice cream, making up in the "Cooked Without Heat" champion.

### Home-style Thai dishes

Now moving to know all these chefs who can whip up dinners from recipes handed down through generations. When over I'm faced with a food situation, my own solution is to call Milky Way.

The Southeast, J. Pujada and Mrida, are the latest gets to a family that has been in the food industry for decades. Of Pampanga roots, they have lived in their Ortigas home since 1966. Their latest project is Anahiad, the new Thai restaurant opening on June 24.

Offering "home-style" Thai cooking, the menu will have several levels of spiciness to cheers can choose how strong their Mango Garlic Salad, Fried Thai and noodles can be. We think interested in a pre-opening taste, call 8414 114 or drop by Milky Way Café as they are serving the new Thai menu with their Asian favorites.

Their affectionate should also note Lino Restaurant at Mandaluyong Cultural Hotel. Wednesday to cook's day off in our house, so the kids like heading to their extensive buffet in addition to the classic offerings, there's always a special.

Just last month Chef Ed Quinones and his personalized Filipino-Spanish style dishes were featured at the special Genoa. This month, the hotel's master chefs are featuring Thai cuisine.

For casual party food and quick meals, I recently discovered Jay's Asian Gourmet Sauces, owned by long-time south dining buddy Annie Ortua. Pre-marinated beef, chicken and fish, and sauces are made from extraordinary ingredients like soya with eggplant, calabang satang, spicy longganisa and pasting burgos to the sauces are quite uniquely flavored. The sites has a delicious shark liver pate blended with mango, cashews or cherry.

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CHEF Ronnie Fevrer onboard Greenpeace ship Rainbow Warrior

GREENPEACE functionary Jose executive director Von Hernandez

CHOCS owner Carlo Limpoco and Undivee Food Industries managing director Zaire Greer

### Greenpeace chef

For some Filipino chefs all over the world keep those Pinoy delicacies in stock. Take Ronnie Fevrer, the chef and only Pinoy on board Greenpeace's Rainbow Warrior. Guest Pinoys just watch, when my cousin, friend-in-law Jose Jose Barbara, invited us on a tour of this famous ship.

Chef Ronnie recognized us from "Celebrity Duets," telling me that his wife had voted for me. How that's the sort of conversation a person likes!

Onboard, Greenpeace's Southeast Asia oceanic director Von Hernandez delivered his thoughts on how to get coal and how we could all make a difference. Named one of Time magazine's environmental heroes, Von is a passionate pilgrim combating global climate change.

Captain Mike Vinchon makes sure their fleet is in tip-top shape, even through the rough waters going to Isla de Coco. Those who like to support Greenpeace, please contact Annalou Fenguerra, fundraising manager, at 4160704 or e-mail supporter@greenpeace.org.

### Premiere restaurants

To be Filipino is to be a foodie, so what better way to celebrate Father's Day than by taking the purported master of the house out for dinner. And since he's probably joining up the club, go ahead and choose from The Philippines' Best Restaurants.

This comprehensive guide, published by The Philippine Times, has just come out with the 2008 edition featuring CEO-selected establishments all over the country.

The launch of The Philippines' Best Restaurants 2008 was held in coastal Antipolo. The Backyard Hotel. It was an evening of fine wine and gustatory delights, gamed by Annie Goodridge, CEO of Tollpoint Asia, and a bunch of diplomats and gourmets from all over.

First lady winners received home with a "Moveable Feast"—the importance of taking home a BMW car for a weekend, so he need to drive to a dinner at one of the premiere restaurants featured in the book.

Now that's indeed a good way to celebrate eating. Isn't it? Happy Father's Day to Ernesto, Stephen and Lolo Jose, and to all the other good Dads out there!

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HONAN culinary head William Haridian-Whyte honors lovely ladies Tessie Perez and Angelique Boyatz

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## Swaziland's royal family visits Mactan resort

CEBU CEBU

*Jaime Piccerelli*

HIS MAJESTY KING MSWATI III of Swaziland came to Cebu in his private jet to spend a holiday at Shangri-La's Mactan Island Resort and Spa prior to his official state visit to the Philippines. With him was his 12th wife Queen Lindokuhle, their two little princesses, other royal relatives and high dignitaries of their court.

Cebu Governor Gwendolyn Garcia hosted a luncheon in their honor at Shangri-La's Oasis Pavilion. On hand to greet the monarch were Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs Francisco Benedicto and Fep. Mitos Ross. Said relic a few minutes before had a private audience. Also seated with them was the Philippine Ambassador to Swaziland Virgilio Reyes.

Swaziland is totally surrounded by South Africa. It is a seasonably dating to pre-colonization days, and its survival is a feat in itself. The country has four seasons, fertile lands and abundant water that are perfectly supported. A good percentage of the population of 1 million is Christian. Filipinos and Chinese comprise important communities.

It helps to have read Veronica Blackwell's book "Governed Hands" to understand the history and culture of Swaziland. She met Mr. Simelane Hlope Dlamini III when he was 21 and already had four wives. He is 40 now. The king's fertility is of national concern in Swaziland as it reflects or helps attain the country's prosperity.

### Blessing

In her speech, Governor Garcia thanked the King for his visit, and stressed that just as in Swaziland, the heavy rain these days was regarded as a blessing in Cebu, she presented him with many gifts, including shawls and jusi jewelry for his guests, made by Cannes Group. Intl.

King Mswati III in turn said he was happy to meet his counterpart in the Philippines in Cebu, the country's eleventh province. "When we arrived, Mswati with so much water, we felt at home," he said, adding that he'd like to return after the governor told him about many cebu beautifications.

"I will be back in August, I will visit Cebu, at another time," he stated, when told that it is the month Cebu celebrates its anniversary as a province by royal decree of Spain's King Philip II. He also said, "Your hospitality is fantastic. We are grateful for this welcome and the gifts given us. We cherish Cebu success and prosperity."

Aton Cordinilla hosted a program of songs and dances choreographed by Jaspe Evasco. The 29-year-old princess at our table began to protect until her husband's country got the blessings, and turned her chair around to give her a view of the show. There was shopping time for the Swaziland royals at SM City Cebu, where they headed for the Bridea and Levi's shops.

EMCEE Purdy Raymond Bragg, Richard Lim and Governor Garcia

Another memorable event at the Mactan Shangri-La was a California Rancho cookout at the Aqua restaurant. It was hosted by the California Raisins Administrative Committee based in Singapore, and represented by Richard Lim and Frank View Boat, trade promotion director and manager, respectively.

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Doctors Cruelo, Mactan Shangri-La's director for food and beverage.

Acquaculturist Dr. Cesario Mactan Marilao prepared a fabulous menu consisting of seared fish of salmon with onions and "aqua-dishes" tuna dressed with powdered roasted almonds.

Who was there? Emiko Purdy and Patrick Quinones, entertainment counselor and trade officer of the US Embassy's Agricultural office; Sakuta Matsubara, GM and executive chef of the Sofitel Bilibid in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; and Big Food's bosses Rosanelli and Peggy Anne Leonardo.

Also present were Shangri-La Mactan's GM Raymond Bragg and assistant communications manager Lesley Tan, Undivee Living magazine editor Monica Encarnacion, Freeman's food editor Dr. Nestor Alonzo and society columnist Honey Lone.

It was also nice seeing Dan Dan Ionic from the Brit that encouraged the event. She was quite efficient rolling the guests and convincing them of California Raisins cookout.

PATRICK Quinones and Nestor Alonzo

# Another milestone for *palangga*

JULITA Villareal, Nel Philips, Inie Cuna

HELEN Ong, Chit Barreiro, Annette Adriano

VOLY Jayme, Marina Fresnoza and Daisy Fajardo

NINI Valdez, Lili Arena and Dra. Elenita Binay

EMILY Lopez, Berna Lumontad and Ruby Espinosa

By Rusty Vergara
Court Buzzer

WE ALL KNOW EVERY TIME THAT grandmaman celebrates his birthday, he always suffers the so-called "socialibility fatigue."

Just imagine the tremendous toom he receives year after year. From lunch to dinner, he's practically with different groups honoring his special day. Certainly, dinner is always a night reserved for entertaining his audience of his entourages.

I'm referring of course to everybody's "palangga," party giver and social icon Manolo Escudero.

Just recently, Manolo celebrated another milestone in his life, as he was honored with a typical merienda cena fare held at the stylish residence of Nini Linares in the posh Wolfen Park in Makati.

This party was also enlisted by another fabulous party hostess, the remarkable Nene Lacsina, and supported by his long line of friends from the social world—May Nisi, Hedda Abbass, Bernese Ledesma, Agnes Hufendiek, Xiomi Macaraeg and Baby de Asis. The birthday boy's guests included Dr. Elmo Bisay, Anita Tantoco, Nani Bendix, Helen Ong, Clarissa Rojas, Bodo Garcia, Danny Bolivar, Chit Salud, Ruby Cruz, Bevan Lacsamana, Tessie Amparo, Cecile Limcaco—you name the social elements and they were all present and accounted for.

The guests did enjoy the scrumptious food served by Millie Reyes of The Diner and the oh-so-yummy wines that flowed.

Expect this kind's party to last in the new months as Manolo always has the energy to party more after his official birthday. Happy birthday and cheers, *mes palangga!*

NONIE Bendix, Rusty Vergara, Clarissa Rojas, Becky Garcia and Ruby Cruz

CARRIE Guerrero, Glory Magsaysay and Tessie Lee

HOSTESSES of the affair: Nini Linares, Chit Salud, Hedda Abbass, Karen Macasaet and Nene Lacsina

LETTY Syquia, Holy Hechanova, Steven Libarios (standing) Maestro A., Nini Linares, May Morrison (Viking Ongbuko)

NOI Philips and Chit Quino

HYRNA Bonifacio and Sandy Prudente

EVA Hernandez and Jaica Barrera

CORY Quirino and Theresa Santos

PACITA de Guzman, Henk Ng of Lifestyle Asia, Mabel Alcala and Tessie Amparo

MAURICE & wife Jasmine Agpon Hidalgo, Perlene Lardizabal, Bobby de Jesus

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# Rudy prepared his family for the loss

RUDY Fernandez

AT EIGHT HOURS WHEN I LAST SPOKE of Sophie and Rene Fernandez as they spoke of their father's neurological recession, in the same breath, I was in awe of his widow, Leona, as she sat listening to her husband's friends speak of their fond memories of him. She was clearly a epitome of grace and dignity under pressure.

To grieve is a difficult process—exactly, more so when you have to do it in the public eye.

The Fernandez family is blessed in the sense that Rudy was able to prepare them for his leaving, and to prepare himself to meet his Maker. Rudy had been quoted as saying he was okay in doing conversations with the Lord because he wanted to get to know Him better.

"After all, I will be meeting him soon," he quipped.

Speaking to Sophie, Rene and Leona on the phone the day after Rudy's burial, I was struck by the genuine closeness this family possessed. Sophie's professor and Bench mentor at Ateneo, Fr. Nobel Pelon, had later shared me to Sophie a few years back when he was working on a paper about his grandfather, the late great movie director Gerardo Vinarao, dec.

He had always struck me as a bright and sensitive young man. Now, he ventured fully in control as I spoke and the new head of the family.

## Grateful

The Fernandezes had decided to drop in the same room after Rudy's wake. Hoping to gather and think any of finding solace in each other. The boys were still groggy when I talked to them, tired and reeling from the recent events.

Leona said Rudy had indeed prepared them well, and for that she was very grateful. She passed as I reminded her that Sunday was Father's day, and I could hear a slight sigh on the other end of the line.

"It's his 50th day," she said. It was comforting for her to know that all three "coincidences" seemed to be orchestrated from above. She said she was very proud of her boys and she was sure they were handling the loss.

"We really did not know that much time to talk to our mother while we were at Heritage, until one night when Sophie approached me with a problem," recalled Leona. "And so finally we had to sit down as one family. I was tired and a bit upset and I was thinking to myself quietly, 'If he digest also current any chapter ngo mom?' Until Rene said something that made me stop. Ishh siya. Mama, nag-aalgaan na kayo eh."

I smiled when I heard that. Yes, Rudy had indeed prepared his boys very well.

I asked Sophie why he opted to do an intraperitoneal only. Because he just wanted it to flow, he said. And flow it did, along with the tears of the thousands of people who had come to mourn with them.

What would he remember most about his father, I asked him. He said there wasn't a single lesson he could place his finger on, because there were just too many.

"To place a number on it would diminish the importance of the others. It was really in the way he lived, the way he loved us and showed us that he cared. It wasn't really through words, but more through actions. Whenever legacy he has left us, more than we narrate. These lessons will be truly remembered and called upon when the times become tough," he said.

## Longing

For now, said Leona, they just want to rest and be by themselves—saved perhaps to some quiet place where they bind can be refreshed.

Sleep does not come easy to her or the boys still, and every nook and cranny of their home carries some portion of Rudy. The emptiness seems so intense that to some moments the cries out for him and no other, due to at still as she normally is.

"It's really more the loss of the person himself that drives you to sadness," she said. It is the longing for the one who is gone that is most painful.

When she came home from the funeral and entered the family den, it finally hit her that Rudy was truly gone, said Leona. For now, it is just her and the boys who still see would. It is a long process yet, and this brave family's grief work has just begun.

The manner by which Rudy prepared his family for his loss, is a poignant example that many of us can learn from. And his wisdom and cool openness to end and pass for each other under the most stressful of times is a gift—a beautiful lesson. As we say here to grieve well, Rudy would certainly be proud.

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## EMILY'S POST
*Emily Marcelo*

# Should I let my wife, impregnated by her BF, go?

DEAR EMILY,

**My wife is now pregnant with her boyfriend's child. This is not only for me since we've been married for 17 years. We've only been apart for years and that was when she went abroad to find a better opportunity as a dentist in Dubai while I stayed behind with our first kids.**

**I waited ten years for her to get a visa to enable me to follow her, but it never came. Instead, I learned about the relationship. On the third year I managed to get a visit visa for myself and decided to surprise her.**

**It wasn't really a surprise since she was able to find out about it. She admitted her ongoing relationship and called it "finished" between us.**

**I resigned from my job in Manila and was able to get a very good office out in Dubai, but in Abu Dhabi. I wanted to prove to her that I can make it on my own which I did. The job offer was something I couldn't refuse which included free accommodations and a car.**

**I still love my wife despite everything. But it's becoming more confusing and painful, despite the counseling, soul searching and spiritual reflections I've gone through.**

**I don't seem to accept losing my wife. We are in our early 40s and the 15 years of being together is not something I can just throw away. Should I let my wife go and renew us with my life?**

**MS. ARE THERE**

Is the Pope Catholic? Does the rain come down from the sky?

How else can you fix your relationship with this woman, your wife who allowed herself to be impregnated by another man—her ex already—than what you have mentioned? What more do you want from her when clearly she doesn't want anything more from you?

It hurts, it bothers the ego, and it confuses your mind as well—but she has terminated your relationship by that one very obvious declaration, and that's that.

Yes, you could move on for your sake and for your children's. In the best rather you possibly can. Take care of them, entertain their emotional being, feed their minds with the best education, and make them triumphant human beings despite being abandoned by their mother.

That's the best revenge you can do to your wife—that she saw her children grow up mature, well-educated, and fantastic members of society—without her help from her. Hmm, her that is feeling yes, she made you better person.

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Sunday LIFESTYLE Travel

We were perhaps the first Filipino tourists to enter the home of the forthcoming 2008 Olympics

# Getting an early look at Beijing's spectacular 'Bird's Nest'

By Paolo Chong
Contributor

"BIRD'S Nest" is what the Chinese call the gigantic Beijing Olympic Stadium that will be home to the 2008 Olympics this August.

The stadium is a spectacular sight. Its 42,000 tons of steel that bend around and support the structure designed by Swiss architects (and seven metric tons of the UK's Royal Gold Medal) Jacques Herzog and Pierre de Meuron create a building that looks more like a Martian motherships than a sports arena.

Last April, my good friend Jun Gonzales and I had walked around the perimeter of the Olympic grounds. There were people

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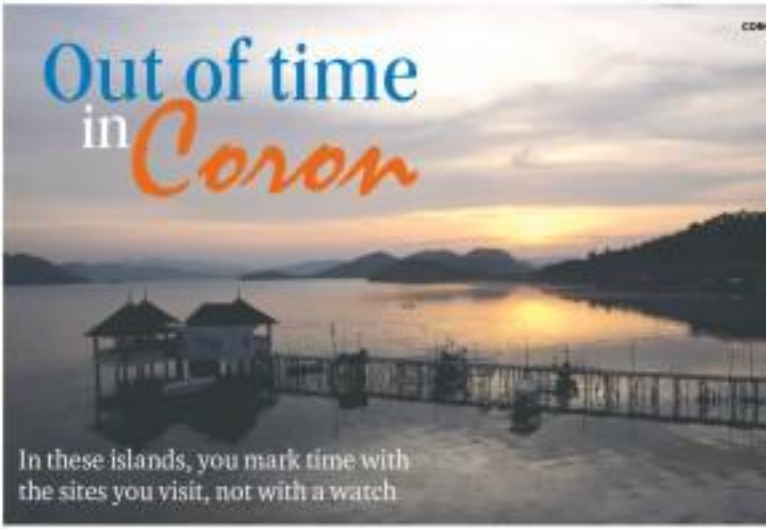
# Out of time in Coron



In these islands, you mark time with the sites you visit, not with a watch

PALAWAN IS THE COUNTRY'S last ecological frontier, or so I've been told. One of its most beautiful group of islands, the Calamianes, is in the northernmost part of Palawan. Busuanga is the biggest of the islands, which also includes Coron, Culion, Calauit and Linapacan. Coron is the official gateway to the Calamianes.

The 45-minute ride from Busuanga Airport to Coron is a bumbling experience, as the jeepney hugs the road of red earth. The small fishing town of Coron is approximately 30 km from the Busuanga airstrip and terminal. Despite the daily bustle of inland commerce and small-town activity, it has a sleepy back-country feel to it.

Like a easy station for supplies and information center before getting to paradise, Coron is the jump-off point to the many other islands surrounding it. The three main places to stay in are Sea Dive right by the resort's edge, Village Inn and the new Coron Inn.

We leave Coron town to its daily rituals and take our boat to Coron Island 20 minutes away from town. In the background, we see a range of mountains shaped like hillocks of different sizes, and we are out of time.

Tomorrow could be next week. And so, in these islands, you mark time with the sites you visit, not with a watch. After a while, I feel like a mariner, telling the hour by the light above the sea.

Coron Island is the largest limestone formation in the Philippines, home to the actual romantic Calauian Tagbanwa and the Indigenous Cuyonon. Known as home to the Tagbanwa, its name is used to make the famous bird's nest or nido soup.

In 1998, the Calauian Tagbanwa won given their indigenous traditional rights and claims over hectares of land and water. The Certificate of Ancestral Domain Claims (CADC) give them their rights to manage and protect the areas, just as their ancestors did.

The Tagbanwa have subsisted on bird's nest trading for the last 400 years in most of the places we went to, there were signs designating the area as under a CADC, and there was always a hut with two or two Tagbanwas to collect a visitor's fee.

In Coron and Coron Island, one sees the sea margin everywhere in the blending of marine and terrestrial. Coastal caves, mangrove swamps, tidal flats, sandy beaches, reefs barely awash at low tide, cliffs and the immediately surrounding sea.

**Kayangan Lake** is usually the first stop a boat makes after leaving the Coron town pier. Our boat drops anchor by the island's edge, and we disembark to start our 15- to 20-minute trek uphill and downhill to get to this breathtaking tropical saltwater lake about 146 meters above sea level.

**Barracuda Lake.** Our boat moves on to another lake a few minutes away. This time it's a much shorter trek from where we drop anchor, but the trail does not have steps. Instead, we have to climb sharp rocks to get to the lake.

**VIEW** from top of Kayangan Lake

**Twin Lagoon.** High limestone walls and spires rise sheer up to the skies divide these lagoons. During low tide, you can swim from the big lagoon to the small lagoon via a natural open formation in the limestone wall. It's the only point of entry from one lagoon to the other. The small lagoon is totally still and quiet, and the water is warm at the top and cold at the bottom. It is quite a thrill, and the swim in the small lagoon can leave you quiet for a time to the privacy of your thoughts.

**Skeleton Wreck.** Eight of around 11 ships of the Japanese Navy that were sunk in WWII are scattered all over Coron Bay at depths of 18 to 43 meters. Skeleton Wreck is to the southwest corner of Coron Island. You can make out the shapes and forms of the keel and the ribs of the steel-hulled ship from the encased boat. The coral reef near it is great for snorkeling. The fish darting in and out of the wreck serve as a welcome distraction from the eerie feeling I get from the sight.

**Banol Beach.** A small white-sand beach situated for a scenic and a picnic. No resorts, just a few open-sided huts. If you like that beach, there are many many more in the area. The coves and beaches have a being everything-leave-nothing setup. Imagine 20 to 30 more undiscovered islets with beaches, mudflats and coves. Head softly and it is your own kingdom.

**Calauit Island.** About an hour away south of Coron is Calauit Island, where the leper colony was established in 1906. Twenty miles long and 10 miles wide, the town is quaint and the people are polite and friendly. It has narrow streets that wind up to a mountain overlooking the sea.

**Pride of place** can be felt in the stories of rocket ships, heartbreaking separations, invisible, rearrange and benevolent dedication from people you meet on the island. Though they no longer have to stay isolated and separated, many of them, for lack of any real place they can go to and call home, have stayed in Culion.

A well-kept, two-story museum dedicated

CULION Sanitarium Hosp

# Getting an early look at Beijing's spectacular

41,000 TONS of graceful steel bring to life an award-winning design that looks more like a spaceship than a sports arena

INSIDE the 'Nest'

HALLWAY corridor in bright red, always an auspicious color for the Chine

taking photographs, scene-climbing up big piles of sand, soil and rocks just to get a better view of the stadium. Entry to the stadium was prohibited, no outside to enter the grounds.

But last May 24, or exactly 77 days before the much-awaited opening ceremony of the Beijing Olympics, Jun and I achieved the seemingly impossible. We were able to enter the Beijing Stadium—perhaps the first Filipino tourists to do so.

Jun works as the hospitality director of Cocacola, a major Olympic sponsor. He made arrangements for me to watch the China Athletic Open, held at the stadium as a sort of warm-up for the Olympics.

Jun and I, with tickets in tow, got off the cab at the wrong gate. Uh-oh. The entry had been redirected to another gate.

Our tickets were valid only until noon (that's how strict they are!), so we hurried to the assigned entrance. There was an x-ray machine inspecting everything that came in—huge as well as people.

When we got through, Jun turned to me and said, "You have to kiss the ground, I think you are the first Pinoy tourist to have entered the Bird's Nest. Congratulations!"

I was overwhelmed with the grandeur of the stadium. There were several gates ongoing in the arena, and as we looked for our designated seats, I noticed that the stadium was subdivided into sections marked A to H.

The elevators and stairs inside the bleachers and the middle part very accessible. There were big signages everywhere for easy navigation. We stood in an on all levels, and it was amazing to discover that the view of the action in the middle seemed the same, whether one were on ground level or on the bleachers.

## Open shell

We walked around the whole stadium to get a feel of its 95,000-seating capacity. The structure felt like an open shell that let in natural air. The coastal actually feel the breeze, and I did not feel the summer heat of Beijing. I felt as if I were Rome if it rains during the opening ceremony, the stadium's open-shell design will keep the spectators dry.

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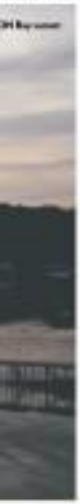

to preserving and documenting life in the catacombs, plus the history, failures and breakthroughs in understanding the disease, is located on top of a small hill beside the hospital.

On top of the cemetery is a monastery overlooking the sea is the immaculate Concepcion Church, built in 1933 by the Jesuits. The church replaced the old Cuilon Fort, which was constructed by the locals under the supervision of the Augustinian Recollects in 1590. The old fort served as defense against Moro pirates. The watchtower and a cannon remain and give a historical touch to the beautiful, well maintained church.

**Maquinit Hot Springs.** This place is best visited at the end of the day, that magical touch to mine right before sunset. The adventure hot spring is in Coron town near the Coron pier and can be reached by a short 30-minute drive. Steamed beside a mountain foaming the sea and surrounded by mangroves with their short trees lined all over with aerial roots, Maquinit Hot Spring's waters is a steady 40 degrees celsius and is constantly flowing at a displacement of 5, 115 liters of water per minute, as measured via Pitometer.

Privately owned, the original pools were built in 1976 and a bigger pool was added in 2000. The owners have kept it as natural as the day they discovered the spring, and there lies the beauty of it all.

# 'Bird's Nest'

From page B1

EVEN the street lights inside the Olympic Village are in the shape of bird's nests.

CEBUDN Church 1

I do not ship jinxes. I've just proved scientific my city girl observations, which can never really evoke the untainted spirit of a place like this and perhaps inspire you to make your own journey. But go, like I did, to look at nature's scenario and be humbled by it all.

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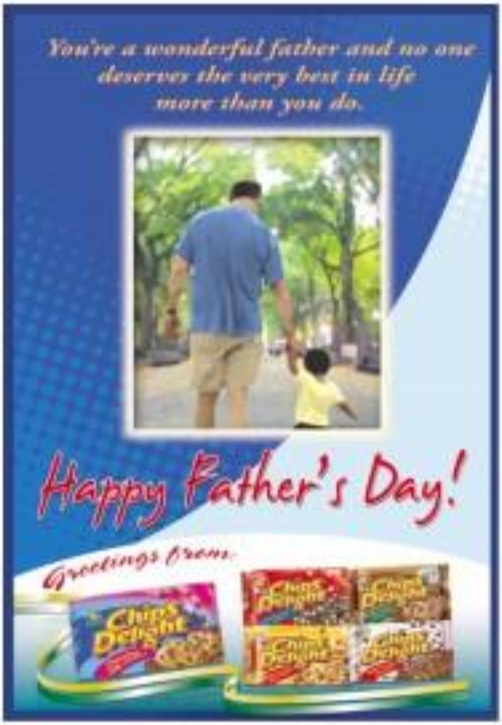


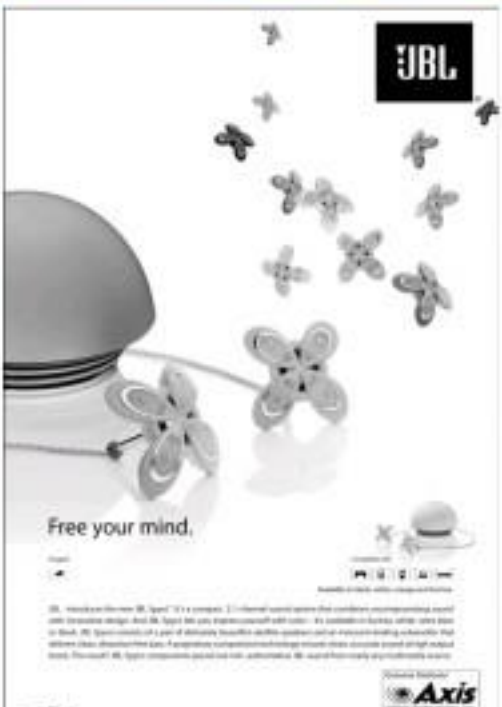

TRAVEL BRIEFS

# Araw ng Lanao activities kick off June 28

THE PROVINCE OF LANAO DEL SUR HEADED by Gov. Bombet Bravo Adiong and his wife Radja Bulig, are now busy preparations for the week-long celebrations of the 38th Araw ng Lanao set June 28 to July 4.

Moranao Culture and Arts has earned a reputation as one of the richest and colorful in the world. With the beautiful Lake Lanao, breath-taking vistas of the Sleeping Beauty Peak, metaphorically structured mosques, historic Torogans, rich Moranao customs, intricate metalworks, soulful songs, ornate darangan, skin brasswork, Moranao epics that add chocolate to its already unique and well-preserved tradition, Lanao del Sur is an amazing discovery that's worth the Pinoy soul of pride.

Religious activities, cultural and indigenous presentations like "Kolintangal", "Malong", "Kanjia sa Mangigis" and "Kaapa sa Lanao," photo contest about sleeping beauty, "Kandal" thanksgiving banquet and several sports activities like badminton tournament, beer tennis, golf tournament, airsoft, basketball and shoot-fest are among the highlights in this year's event.

## Sangyaw festival

The people of Tawitawi, Leyte will again showcase their culture as they celebrate the revival of Sangyaw Festival on June 29. The festivities serve as a prelude to the 116th fiesta of the

LAHAD-DATU Sur's Sagayan Warrior's Dance

Sto. Niño de Tacloban on June 30.

Sangyaw Festival which was first celebrated in 1974 features the province's songs and dances plus the rustic cultural talents of its people. The festival now has a much wider scope with participants from the whole of Leyte, Samar and other cities and towns all over the country. It will serve as a culminating event for a long line of activities for the whole month of June.

One of the highlights of this year's event is the cultural parade with contingents from Ormoc City, Tabontabon, Lapu-Lapu, Barotac Nuevo, Dumaguete, Iloilo, Maasin, Mandaue, Bacolod, Baguio, Legazpi, Aklan, Bais, San Carlos, Dumaguete, Santiago City and Basilan, coming in Tacloban either to compete or to exhibit dances.

For June, the Batocan Park Amphitheater and Tacloban Convention Center also known as The Astrodome, will be the venue of rustic cultural shows and activities.

These include the Search for Umang Alaska, Search for Miss Tacloban, Search for a Star, Manila Concert featuring local bands, Babyanan Rites to Bunog, Children Mascot Show, Calbayog Night, Bandaruma Boat Race, Peter's Church Concert featuring singing priests, Bote-Tacloban Night, Sangyaw Sayaw Groove Mon Rendezvous Cuisine 1, Manila-Antioch Show, Babyanan Night, Kristine Kasta Concert and a back-to-back concert featuring Parokya ni Edgar and Sponge Cola sponsored by Mt. Bonud. The Bote-Tacloban Night will honor the icons and daughters of Tawitawi, Leyte who have earned achievements in their respective fields.

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Sunday LIFESTYLE Relationships

# A word from 'Daday'

By Rebel A. S. G. Goggin
Contributor

MY TWO-YEAR-OLD son Sebastian calls me "Daday." This is the result of his parents not talking to each other. If you've ever had kids, you know all too well that in the intense first few months, Mom and Dad's time spent with baby tends to fall into distinct shifts—because so much time is involved, and irritability as well.

During my shifts, I was trying to teach Sebastian to call me "Papa." Unbeknownst to me, my lovely wife, too, in her own shifts, was trying to coach him to call me "Daddy." The outcome of those conflicting preschoolers was, of course, "Daday," which must make perfect sense in infant brain software.

> My two-year-old son Sebastian calls sleep 'beep,' shoes 'shoes,' spaghetti 'ti'—and I'm perfectly all right with it

as if two people with separate keyboards were trying to type on the same document simultaneously on the same monitor which goes to sleep every few minutes.

Sebastian has long since learned that the "people," or at least shorter ones, word for me is, in fact, "Daddy." He seemed calling me that at one point, but alas and I convinced him to revert to "Daday." He now only says "Daddy" to refer to me in the third person.

Why did we decide? Shouldn't we be watching our child to speak properly? My reasoning about this is simple. Quite apart from "Daddy" being cuter (to a parent's ears, anyway), it is his word, a word in the Sebastian language. Thus, it is precious, a treasure.

### School of thought

There is a school of thought among some parents that children must be treated the same as any adult. It's "wrong" to speak to them in "baby talk."

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# Lessons from our fathers

By Joel Barrios
Contributor

WE ARE KNOWN TO BE A VERY maternal society. Countless paintings, books, and movies portraying how great the "Filipino Mother" is, is a testament to this. But...fathers do play a major role in our life. It was in realization of this that the unfavorable book, "Our Father," was conceived.

Conceptualized and photographed by celebrity photographer Jun De Leon, the book carries the fatherhood stories of 60 dads from all walks of life and different generations.

Being part of the project has given me the opportunity to listen to the unspoiling stories of remarkable men about their fatherhood. A newbie father, I have found these stories enriching and inspiring.

Let me share some.

### Being a father is no easy task

"When I got married, I was penniless. I worked late hours to give my children a better future."
—JP Cruz, Jr.

"It would be nice to spend as much time as possible with your family. Where my kids are I have hard I work and yet still have time for the family, they refer to me as 'super dad'... but that's only because they have a 'superhero'."
—Charlie Bailon

### Teach them to be independent

"My father didn't give me much. As sis-

AIJA Mathieu with twins Kaela and Andrea

MARTIN Herrera with Robin, Sandino and Sam

ROLANDO Hortaleza with Allan, Alfonso, Alex and Allen

tes, I even had to fend for myself. At a Dad, I also gave my kids responsibilities early in life. When they were in college they made do with the little I gave them and just found 'entrepreneurial' ways to augment it."
—Michael Llanillo

### Emphasize love and affection

"I espoused independence. But I also gave strong emphasis on family life. True achievement is seeing my children have genuine love for each other."
—Dolly Lachangco

### Work as a team

"I was not considered a "traditional father" during those times. I treated my sons and daughters as equals. I wanted my children to be self-governing as early as possible. I would make sure that we discuss any problem immediately as a family. Those day to day interactions were important as a way of teaching my children."
—Richard Bio

### Be involved without being overpowering

"I ask the right questions instead of telling my kids what to do. They have to learn for themselves. I give them the freedom to make mistakes."
—Jim Ayala

### Be an example

"Father hood is a lifetime effort. I try to be a good model to my sons, by being a good son to my father."
—Cirilito Pedro

"My father could afford the private schools but decided to send us to a public school. He wanted us to be like everybody else' so we didn't take the car to school. This allowed me to assimilate much better with others. In the same light, I also save my children in UH (Ateneo Junior High) than the one my friends' are in the example."
—Washington Sycip

### Be simple

"My wife and I made sure we didn't spoil our children. We even stayed in an area where the environment for raising our children was simpler. We tried to teach them their obligations so the less fortunate. So we would even bring them to calamity victims to distribute relief goods."
—Frank Alba

### Concentrate on developing character

"Hard work, discipline, family together-ness, and spirituality."
—Jun Palafox

"Simplicity is important... having more in life should entail one to be able to bond more."
—Rolando Hortaleza

### Have a plan

"My 30's of fatherhood: Grow, Go, and Glow. You help them grow, then you let go, and finally watch them glow"
—Maestro Constantino, Jr.

JPA Spada with Gabby, Yudel and Andrea

CHARLIE Bailon with Raymund, JP and Carlo

On a final and personal note, I wanted my dad to be included in the book but he preferred that I was there instead. It was a few days of "negotiation" but I guess like most fathers, he finds more joy in giving the "spotlight" to his children.

The book is an affirmation of the important role of fathers in the lives of their children. Just as the moon is the light of the night...so are good fathers the light of their children.

The "Our Father" book will be launched today, Father's Day, at Fully Booked Bonifacio High Street with a photo exhibit by Jun de Leon.

*For more information, check the website of Fully Booked at www.fullybooks.com*

# A word from *'Daday'*

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it is said, as this represents patronizing behavior and will stunt their emotional and intellectual growth.

Adherents of the Steiner method, in particular, were dismayed by this type of regimen to produce serious, thoughtful and creative individuals, who deal with all people at the same level (i.e. the adult level), with maturity and confidence.

I ought to admit that I often devise my Montessori friends as being constipated... grayscale-spouting, ethics spewing adults! Late-adopter-some-age-Gamer-children obsessed with the finer points of political correctness to all aspects of existence.

I do this not because really I believe they are deluded idiots, but because it's funny. Defuses the schizoidity that seems to pervade Gentrestan, and relaxes their rigid adherence to that rather ideological mindset of child-rearing.

In addition, I heavily agree with Steven Levitt, the guy who wrote "Freakonomics," that parents in general have a hugely inflated view of the influence of their parenting on the adults that their children eventually become. People become who they are, and children are affected by many things we do not understand. Parenting is only one factor, and it falls far short of explaining everything, or even possibly anything.

One does the best one can, but one can never predict the results.

If my mother would have predicted the results, I would no doubt now be (I'm just guessing here) a female theologian who writes a weekly column concerning moral decay in our society and regularly visits the gym and the dentist.

Instead of [where do I start?] a recovering alternate who loitered about for years in show biz, whose cars are too old but whose wife is too young, whose idea of a regular job is in the gambling industry, whose idea of sports includes only those that do not interfere with cigar smoking (e.g. rolling, golf), and who has an intention of sending grandson's grandchild to a Catholic school.

Hey, parenting, huh?

### 'Sebastian talk'

I happen to have an opinion about how



Sebastian's 'fairy godmother' decided to secretly teach him the Lord's Prayer in Spanish, just to annoy me

they ne'll go out in the car).

By mimicking Sebastian, I seek to show him that I understand what he is saying on his own terms. I am accepting the existence and the validity of his language. By doing so, I hope to demonstrate to him how to listen and understand me on my terms, how to become conscious of, and adapt to, "my" language.

By using his language, I demonstrate to him that I hear, and I understand. I do not try to force him to say things "correctly," because in our world, there is no "correctly," only understanding or not understanding.

It's not an issue for me whether this is "right" or not, because it works. We understand each other, and he has learned to mimic me, as I have learned to mimic him. I also do not insist that my wife do the same.

### Distortion

It's not like he doesn't have access to "normal" adult speech. He hears it all the time, and has started to imitate it. But he's still building the networks between his brain and his ears and mouth to relate he says what he thinks he hears, there is some form of distortion that takes place.

It all started with Sebastian's word for water. Soon after developing his first handful of new baby words, that Sebastian was MINE, under any circumstances, to drink any other water than this hideously expensive stuff that comes in pre-sterilized bottles and has the word "Evian" in the brand.

Sebastian somehow came to call this stuff "ayuan." The reasons for this are unclear, but the theory is that it derives from "cold water," brilliantly we did try to get him to call it "water." But he insisted on "ayuan." It was as we saying as if we

As the dinner table, or in the car, and I will have a conversation, while Sebastian attempts to mimic every word we have just said, like a baby simultaneous translator trying to transmit a conversation over to Skype cell phone-line:

Jane: So I told her to try the phone.

Sebastian: Is I old!... the phone.

Apa: Did she say why they rescinded the earlier agreement?

Sebastian: Shi!... why ... sind... re-nyon?

Jane: I guess there was a conflict with what they talked about the first time.

Sebastian: I guess ...flict ... maddy... about... fitime.

Jane: Do you think he has any idea what he's saying?

Sebastian: Do tink he does!... saying?

Apa: Probably not, but it's pretty funny, ha ha ha!

Sebastian: Prob ... funny, ha ha ha!

I recently caught Sebastian the words "grandfather" and "hexagon." The occasion arose when we were playing one evening with his shape box, which, as every parent knows, is a cube matchsticks cut into it to each of its six sides, each corresponding to a specifically shaped piece. The idea is to recognize the piece that fits into each hole, and thus fill the box with all the shapes.

Sebastian had already learned some of the names of the shapes from other sources. I was quite amused to find, for example that he pronounces "oval" as "owful," since, Daday, where are the owls? Circle is "cull" (he tends to pick up last syllables rather than first ones), triangle is "tringgel," thanks to our Visayan nanny, and square is "shayer." He was never going through the diapers.

Sebastian: I pee ... the owful.

Daday: That's owful, I mean oval. Pee first.

Sebastian: I pee ... the ringgel.

Daday: Very good.

Sebastian: I pee the... this one.

Daday: That's a hexagon.

Sebastian: Shoo ... pee.

Daday: Hey, not bad. Hexagon.

Sebastian: Expee.

Daday: Excellent progress, my polyglot sperm.

Sebastian: Sperm.

Sebastian: I pee the ... this one.

Daday: That's a quadrilateral.

Sebastian: I pee the ... kwadrilat.

Daday: Daly 1#!!!, that's awesome! Say 'quadrilateral' again!

Sebastian: Holy ...

Daday: Whoops, no, no, don't say that.

My sister-have advised me that the so-called quadrilateral is, in fact, a deceptive rhombus, but how much fun is that?

### Mini-adult

Sebastian's "fairy godmother" (that is really what we call her, it's a long story) decided to secretly teach him the Lord's Prayer in Spanish, just to annoy me. But they couldn't seem to get any further than "Padre Nuestro que estas en el cielo," which he would say "... mole out so everbro..." The alarming change in morning due to the invasion of the word *amolé*. Amole had to be the first thing abandoned.

So alternatively he decided to make Sebastian's voice his answering machine message. This, on the other hand, worked all too well, so for the next week, my sons were running around the house like a dervish, telling all who would listen, "Hyalene message beep. Daday! Phalanx message beep. Daday! Phalanx message beep. Broke!"

I have no interest in making Sebastian into a mini-adult. I'm fine with him being a typical two-year-old, and when he's eight, he can be a typical eight-year-old.

I don't need him to be smarter than the other kids, or more creative, or get better grades, or be the most popular. I will never push him to be something he is not.

I will encourage him to be what he wants to be, and I will do anything it takes to help him get there. In the meantime, I want him to enjoy his childhood. I know I am enjoying his childhood.

In about 18 years, I suppose Sebastian may have about a 25,000-word vocabulary. But by that time, assuming Mom and Dad will be the last thing he'll want to do. Who knows if we'll still be able to communicate?

# Life—and tastes—learned from an extraordinary dad

By Sandee Sytangco-Maigue
Contributor

THE AUTHOR with dad Sonny

MOST PEOPLE REMEMBER him as the host of a most wild cooking show and would stop him for laughs. They still talk about his candle in chicken. He was famous locally in my circle's special circle of friends as the "kwang-kwang dad," the gentleman who so lavished upon all the ladies present in a room with kisses on both cheeks. We didn't mind anyone to find like a well-flattery or gallantries, or he took it upon himself to eat and clear with relish, even eaten by their hostesses.

When he passed away some time ago, parents and teachers on the PTA board he had served on 20 years ago came to pay their respects every night. He'd kept in touch and remained friends with them all the time. Cards and letters poured in from all over, from friends, friends' and people we'd never heard of. One surprising letter came from someone from Negros. Read his heartwarming. They told us of their grief and sadness at the passing of one of their long-time benefactors. Forty or so years ago, his father gave him the task of delivering a sack of rice to the nuns in Negros. He was so taken by their simplicity and spirituality that the silver-eyes continued until the day he died.

He kept that connection and aid, to feed for nuns and priests within life, often adding young seminarians wanting to enter the priesthood or helping some build their convents. On his deathbed, he affirmed his sufferings for his priest friends. Bishop to his classmates... Sonny to friends... Dad to us... Lolo to Amanda and Miranda.

### Discovering palates

We've met so many people and stories of dad that in the the same sentiments... how loving and kind he was... how generous to a fault... how he always made them feel welcome and at ease. Hearing these stories helps soothe the pain-pricks of pain that surfaces from time to time.

My dad and I shared many things. We both loved walking in bowling society (as did until 2006), hotels, are enchanting to us, we love Victoria, B.C., we both love "high tea," and we both love food. Daddy never cooked but loved to eat.

He was the most discerning palate I know (next to my husband). He would scour the living daylights out of our cook, Manang, when the food wasn't seasoned or presented properly. The meat stall or restaurants would think our when he'd check his product finger in a bowl of stocking her soup and declare it wasn't hot enough and then send it back to the kitchen. I took to calling him "the customers from hell," a moniker he laughed at but then he would recall it by saying "you have no business serving [food] if you can't do it properly!"

I wish he'd lived long enough to see S.O. Philippines.

In funny how all our life, my most vivid memories of him are associated with food.

### Still appalled at job

When I was in high school it

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# Chichen Itza—Mexican marvel

Chichen Itza is the best preserved of the many Mayan ruins in Mexico and Central America. The Mayans were an advanced society. They invented the calendar, devised a hieroglyphic-style writing system, had observatories to map the stars, and built cities like Chichen Itza.

For reasons unknown, Chichen Itza was abandoned in the 11th century, and was overgrown and languished.

It's only fitting for Citibank and Citibank Savings to highlight this attraction in its "Wonders of Texas" campaign, along with other mammoth wonders such as China, the Bedouins in Egypt, The Colosseum in Italy, India's Taj Mahal, Machu Picchu in Peru, Petra in Jordan, Pyramids of Giza and Christ the Redeemer in Brazil.

**A UNESCO World Heritage Site, it is the second-most visited of the country's archaeological sites**

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By opening an account worth P3 million or its foreign currency equivalent, new clients will earn 5 free raffle coupons. Every P500,000 additional deposit is rewarded with another free raffle coupon.

Existing depositors are also eligible to join just by bringing in fresh funds. Every P500,000 in new deposits or investments will earn them a raffle coupon.

Six winners will be drawn—three from Citibank and three from Citibank Savings. Up for grabs are round-trip tickets and accommodations for two people for four days and three nights to the winner's destination of choice.

Two winners have been drawn: Filomena Lemon from Citibank and Jenny Ibarra, Citibank Savings.

The campaign was inspired by the sophisticated lifestyle of our clients," said Agustin Cinches, Citibank Philippines' retail banking director. "We want to offer something that they will truly enjoy, destinations and benefits that traveling to the world's most desirable destinations? The campaign is also interactive, as it gives winners the freedom to choose where they want to go."

### Mexico's 2nd famous site

Chichen Itza, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is the second most visited of Mexico's archaeological sites. The site draws many visitors from the popular tourist resort of Cancun, who make a day trip as tourist buses.

In 2007, Chichen Itza's El Castillo was named one of the New Seven Wonders of the World after a worldwide vote. Despite the fact that the vote was sponsored by a commercial entertainment, and the its methodology was criticized, the vote was embraced by government and tourism officials in Mexico who expect that as a result of the publicity, the number of tourists expected to visit Chichen Itza will double by 2012.

The winning publicity to spark yet debate surrounds over the ownership of the site, with some representatives of the government such as the secretary of the culture/ministry culture committee, José Alfonso Suarez del Real, calling for the land to be returned to public ownership, by expropriation if necessary.

Over the past several years, Mexico's ability to manage the site has been strong monuments to public access. Tourists were no longer allowed to climb the steep steps to the top of El Castillo, the main pyramid temple, for the spectacular view of the Chichen Itza ruins complex. This rule was implemented in March 2006 because there were one deterioration.

Another reason is that the steps and are too steep, a true concern, and have now left the daylights out of many tourists who looked down the 365 precipitous steps after making the monument. Wheelchairs can walk around these structures, that causes longer climb them or go inside their chambers.

### Attractions

Chichen Itza means "Mouth of the well of the Itzaespeje".

Many scholars believe that Chichen Itza thrived from about 200 AD to 1000 AD (and perhaps into the early 1200s).

El Castillo dominates the entire site and has become the visual symbol of Chichen Itza. The main El Castillo (the castle) was established by the 16th century Spanish conquistadores. The ancient name is Kukulcan.

The base of the El Castillo has a striking 91 set of close-columns which surround this large structure. It is also connected with solar carvings of serpents.

At the Ball Court, it is believed that players had to fling a ball through one of the stone rings attached high on the wall without using their hands or feet. Pictorial evidence suggests that the losing equipment—whether of the winning or losing team is not indicated—was sometimes beheaded.

Caracol is a circular pit that served as a water source for the population. Texcoco was used perhaps from ancient locations like ancient Local to win the good will of the gods.

El Caracol is an astronomical observatory with a circular tower. Its builders intended identifying the precise time of the equinoxes for religious and agricultural purposes. Other most-seen include the Nunnery, High Priest's Tomb, and Temple of the Jaguars.

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# My old man

THE AUTHOR with her dad

By Chit Rosal
Contributor

For someone like him who has lived to an age beyond capability of sin, salvation must be guaranteed

"DAD, IT'S NOT EVEN CRUST OF..."

That is actually late for him; he's been up since five, and this is his third call. He used to walk around the block before breakfast, at about this time, but can't manage that anymore. So, he calls.

"Third call? Really?" He sounds dismayed.

"What is it, Dad?"

"Just wanted to know how the world was treating you."

"Not too badly, Dad. Has okay?"

He chuckles. Every time I ask him how he is, he thinks it's funny. He says he hasn't felt good in a while. But, really, for one his age, he is in remarkable health.

"I'm just old, Eddie. Not too bad, though, when you think of the alternative." He attributes everything he feels and doesn't feel to his age.

"I'll have to get breakfast ready." I tell him, signaling I must get off to let the living one stand in and give her breakfast instructions. "I'll call you later."

It's a promise I always make but don't always keep.

"Don't forget, Eddie."

## Bits and pieces

It's easy to let him go; he doesn't cling. Time was when I couldn't have enough of him. I'm the oldest of a full brother and 13 half siblings (so his or I have discovered). He was often really a busy and active man.

We all got bits and pieces of him, grew content with our rations, and just stopped wanting more. Now, in his age and wisdom, he is a humbled by full-time caring. In any case, he doesn't want anyone on him full-time. Come to think of it, he never wanted that and was probably genuinely amazed to be raised strong by.

He always seems to be elsewhere and looks for who is not there, and once in a while looks for those no longer there now and ever shall be. But until Word's death last year he had managed still, despite physical constraints, to shuttle between two homes.

He has, by the grace of God...and grows...made it to the mid-mid of life. At 69, he is out of tragedy's gunge. People who have known him will read his obituary to dry-eyed resignation. Sometimes when we are out and home people look at him intently. He was a five-cups companionate, after all? he would say. 'Maybe they're thinking I should have been dead by now.'

I tell him that, for someone who has lived to an age beyond capability of sin, salvation must be guaranteed. But he is little consoled. "I have nothing against heaven, but dying..."

## Loyal companion

Indeed, not only does heaven wait. It seems to indulge him. Time has become his friend, healing old wounds he inflicted and blurring bad scenes he created. His sense of humor has been a loyal companion; it always gets him through postoperative situations.

His appetite is still hearty although earlier one of the normal pleasures he sometimes enjoyed, his once-a-week with crispy French bread for breakfast. My half sister (his and I used to take him some Sundays in Bulan), the barkeeper, for the full treatment, which inevitably ended him sick, giving (to and me time to catch up on each other's lives.

Now the phone calls are becoming rare, the breakfasts at Bits and even Sundays at Bruno's have had to stop. We only take him out for medical checkups, especially after too many outings have ended in emergency rooms.

He once walligned walking toward a restaurant for some anniversary lunch, tucked pain, glassy eyed, unresponsive, and had to be distracted by undue lance to the Makati Medical Center, with the clinging of cold, limp hands clutching on the ride. But quickly enough after medication, he was all right again.

And was he all right again! Once the doctor had flown off to deal with another emergency, leaving unanswered questions he had asked to test his level of awareness—"What's your name? Do you know where you are? Do you know how? (me, that is)—he looked at me and said: "Who was that guy, and why was he asking me those stupid questions?"

## Reasons to laugh

Life to Dad—what's left of it, anyway—gives him many reasons yet to laugh. Often, he would burst into uncontrollable giggling and he would be gasping for breath, face purple, eyes teary. Sometimes I imagine that's how he'll go.

Those he used to remain. Mom, who could only imagine how much trouble he'd have, which was true on most times.

For instance, he just couldn't get over how she had managed to grow from 100 to 150 pounds. He was convinced many men would be rich if they invented a diet strive against obesity. But in Mom's case, for all the weight she had gained, she remained a beautiful woman to her death. Anyway, it helped keep the peace that she had become fond of hearing.

But Dad laughs at himself even more. Catching a glimpse of his full image in the mirror well as a (bonus) cutaway, he staggered and grabbed my arm, shaking his head and giggling, he could hardly let the words out.

"How did I get this old? I must be the oldest person in this place. You don't know how that feels, Eddie," he said.

I remember how he regarded doddering old men when he was still young and fit. Why: "There goes another argument against old age?" he would say.

Now old and doddering himself, and constantly looking for his mom, he doesn't yet want to go where he can find her.

# Bonifacio Global City mounts the country's first

# Alleycat Race

Participants rushing to one of the checkpoints, "The Tree" art sculpture by Reynato Paz Contreras

Off to their bikes at the starting line

Last May 4, it was indeed exhilarating and challenging from start to finish - when the streets of Bonifacio Global City (BGC) became a playground to bikers choosing their own paths to the finish line at the first-ever Alleycat Race in the Philippines.

Aqua Fortis, BGC's co-organizer for this bike race (an Alleycat race is an informal bike race that usually takes place in the city), organized all fifty-five teams, composed of two riders each, who participated in this event. All participants' sheer passion fuelled their bikes as they all discovered that the challenge during the race would not just come from their opponents but also from the unique track course that they had to navigate through in Bonifacio Global City. There is no set course for the Alleycat Race, and the racers have to see both their brains and brawn to pass through 16 checkpoints. They have to complete the unique mental and physical challenge in every stop to figure out where their next stop would be.

Checking their maps to where to go next

BGC's sidewalks filled with participants during the alleycat race

A biker races around BGC's...with some of the city's office in the background

Counting their teammates on their energy

The Alleycat Race is one of the main activities during BGC's Passion Fest '08, an annual showcase of various events that bring together passionate minds in the fields of music, art and play.

Racing on BGC's underroad

A pedestrian crossing the finish line

# Life . . .

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son my (self-appointed) job to wait for him on nights when he came home after dinner. I would fix him his favorite Spam sandwich and Diet Coke. It sounds like a really simple task, but not the way he liked it. First it had to be white bread, lightly toasted with the crusts cut off. Then a thin coat of mayo on both pieces, then thin slices of tomato and shredded lettuce. And finally about eight pieces of paper thin slices of Spam. Then I would cut the sandwich diagonally and fix it on his favorite plate atop a linen placemat complete with silverware and a folded napkin.

Close by I would have catsup, mayo, mustard, salt, pepper and Tabasco sauce at the ready. Then he'd sit down and eat his dinner topped off with a slice of chocolate or lemon pound cake. No meal of dad's was complete without dessert.

Although he never cooked, he was very "name sensitive," and made losers about telling people if it wasn't done right, including me. He never hung around the kitchen when I would cook, but he would wait patiently in the dining room for my spiel to come out. When it did, I always had to be served and plated according to his standards. He was my most honest critic (unlike my siblings who would scarf down everything that came out of my kitchen) and best cheerleader. He always ended our tastings with "Keep trying, you're doing good."

## Loyalist

Later, when I joined my husband's fast-food business, Dimsum 'n Dumplings, daddy became our (self-appointed) taster. He loved going around our stores to try the food. He would boast with pride when a product did well in the stores and (again) tell me in all honesty if he didn't like it.

My dad was a loyalist. He never ventured into our competitors' stores ever. He even got mad at the help when they didn't patronize our stores.

He loved talking about restaurants with me and Andrew. The whole evening just entertained him.

I miss my unofficial taster and cheerleader, especially with our new concept CK/D/Philippines at The Block).

Two years after his passing, he is still very much alive in my food. During our research, some of our choices were inspired by him. As a drew, with all his insight and sensitivity, told me that X/O was an ode to my dad. He loved shabby like his own and shared a lot of his food preferences.

Daddy, in all his quirky ways with food and serving it, loved Filipino fare, especially its various dishes. He would drop in to detail the long his mom used to cook and why his favorite Bicol Express was by Tita City Kalsa.

Under his watchful eyes, our cook perfected the lechon kawali he had in mind and the color that his mom, Lola Julia, used to make. Most of his favorite dishes are now in our menu, prepared and served to his exacting standards.

He would have loved X/O.

So here's to good food... family... loved ones... sharing... and life lessons from an extraordinary Dad!

AMANDA Manlapaz with her grandma

Sunday LIFESTYLE Home

# A 'green' house in Bora

Weekend home on a hill works with, and builds on, nature—a contrast to the overbuilding going on

Text by Margo C. Enriquez
Contributor
Photos by Joe Dino

THE DETERIORATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT as a result of rapid tourist development in Boracay has become a major concern of investors, property owners and the travel trade.

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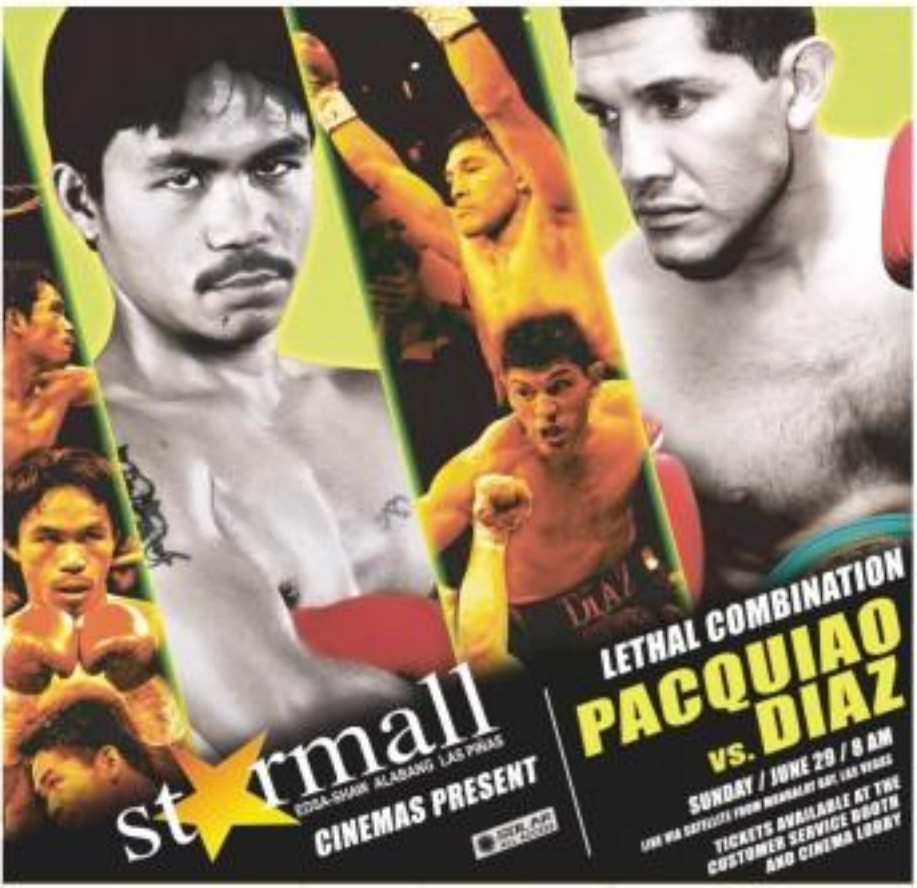


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| June 13 | Father's Day Celebration |
| June 19 | Star Date '08 |
| June 22 | "Pink Cars Zoo Classic Car Days '08 |
| June 26 | Star Date '08 |
| June 29 | Pacquiao vs. Diaz "Lethal Combination" |

Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays: Pilates
Saturdays: Yoga at Tuluyan Pangkalusugan Workshop
Tuesdays: Acoustic Nights at Cuba Libre
Sundays, Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays: Live Band at Cuba Libre

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| June 08 | Ida Mae Event: Pioneer & Panasonic Combo |
| June 29 | Pacquiao vs. Diaz "Lethal Combination" |

Sundays and Wednesdays: Acoustic Nights at Cuba Libre
Mondays and Thursdays: Acoustic Nights at Dencio's
Tuesdays: Retro Nights at Cuba Libre
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| June 13 | Dads Pilates with Free Services / Dad's Day Dive at Sanford |
| June 21 | Yoga at Tuluyan Pangkalusugan Workshop / Apo Reef Diving & Mini Reef Diving |
| June 22 | Summer Kulit Mud Tour |
| June 28 | Yoga at Tuluyan Pangkalusugan Workshop / How to Start A Business Ceramic Painting with Mom & Dad |
| June 29 | Pacquiao vs. Diaz "Lethal Combination" |

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THE OPEN plan facilitates a multi-functional space. Neutral tones including beige, deep brown, and pale yellows are the basis of this tropical-themed room. Sea colors from aqua to sea green are also major elements. The mix of antiques and furniture acquisitions from Bali Home is large in scale and selected for comfort and subtly. Accent pieces in wicker, bamboo, iron and rattan complete the setup.

TROPICAL decor means wood furniture pieces and wood flooring. The focal point is a 12-seat table made from a single piece of four-inch narra. It round and darker dining set on the corner adds weight to the room.

# A 'green' house in Bora

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Many buildings, especially close to the White Beach, were built, it seems, without conscious consideration of their surroundings. On the whole, White Beach has become overcrowded with unsightly buildings—apparently due to lack of planning.

The "true house" in Boracay One was designed as a result of the awareness of environmental issues by both the owners and architects. It embodies certain qualities of green design, which refers to anything that is eco-friendly, economical, energy-efficient and sustainable.

The transition phase, which until recently was owned by the dynamic couple Sulpa and Maricya Zobel, is perched on a cliff within the neighborhood of several resorts and upcoming property developments.

When architect Eduardo Ledesma of Leandro V. Locsin & Associates visited the site in January 2003, he stated that the site spoke for itself.

"It already told us where to build the house—at the highest point," he says. A small wooden cottage stood on the peak. That determined the site of the future master bedroom, which would have a 360-degree panoramic view.

### Asian design

The design is Asian in concept, with the peaked roofs and arks that support it. The master bedroom rests on the giant boulder while its top is supported by arks. Since the owners were concerned about preserving the natural vegetation, the house was built around the trees.

Some of the trunks emerge from the floor and pierce the ceiling. From a distance, the master suite looks as if it is held up by the balete tree and its branches.

"The trees were killed here. There are three at the edges of the house, two of them cut through the balcony in the master bedroom and at the roof of the house," says Ledesma.

THE TRANSOM on the peak ceiling allows natural light to filter through. The door of the master bedroom is very classic, spare and restful.

The nine-covered attic tree at the back of the vacation house runs parallel to the stilts and posts.

The house is made of sturdy materials to withstand the elements. With a base of concrete and steel, it includes sun-reflective panels and tiles. The columns are dressed with local round wood. The ceiling is clad with tangalin, a hardwood which may not have the elegant grains of the expensive ones, but is nonetheless of good quality.

The wood for the floor flooring is also done in tangalin with a dark natural-to-caramel wenge finish. The balcony and deck flooring uses the solid, all-weather hardwood. The railings are done in steel and clad with wood.

Homogenous tiles for easy maintenance were used for the three bathrooms on the lower floor. On the lanai and entertainment area and the stairways.

The sliding doors were done in local aluminum with steel reinforcements, covered in wood. Clearly, the selection of materials was based on their being environment-friendly and not for extravagance.

The sloping roofs are a takeoff from the native nipa style with the high pitches and the tongue in groove construction (a method of enabling two flat pieces of wood to be joined securely). The steel roofing (with Ultraton for support) have a shingle effect to keep the house sturdy.

The 360-sq m vacation house was completed in 10 months. Many parts of the house such as the roof, ceiling, flooring, cabinets, etc. were built in Manila, then assembled on site. An odd space at the lanai was transformed into an infinity pool, lined with dark blue homogeneous tiles.

### Energy-efficient

Aside from its materials, Ledesma says the house aims to be energy-efficient by using natural light instead of artificial light. Also, "The design doesn't require air-conditioning because it is open on all sides. You get the outdoor and the budugo (a cool the building). There are big overhangs so you don't get the heat upstairs. That conserves on energy."

He adds that the transom (a louvered opening way above the windows) in the ceiling in the master bedroom facilitates natural lighting while the transoms in the public area enables hot air to escape.

For dreams, cove lights were installed to add romance to the woods. Halogen pinlights for each of the wood clad columns and lamps lend a sober ambience.

Ledesma adds that the entire landscape also follows a lighting design to emphasize its backbone at night. The big trees which have become structural parts of the house are enhanced by uplighting.

The interior decor by Ben Hughey of Steven Leach's design firm contributes tropical chic, wandering around comfort, warmth, and the use of natural themes, cool colors and natural textural elements.

The attic looks fresh because the main palette is neutral muted colored accents. A

THE NIPA A outside serves as another place around the outside rooms. The main motifs used are nipas and shells that establish a connection with Boracay. The photograph, series sticks to the color palette of the room.

mass-dissimilated details, a few big pieces and modern furniture in textural materials. There are lots of handwoven fabrics from indigenous places, antique pieces, plus a few exotic tribal accents. Photos of the master and seashell scenes create a link between the house and Boracay.

COMFORTABLE upholstered furniture from B at Home enhance a tropical room. Unique accent pieces such as the rod sculpted boards contrast with the showy cable.

THE ANTEROOM or foyer leads to the children's and guest rooms. The tiles are easy to maintain. Baskets and tribal artifacts add another layer of texture.

## Landscaping and flower arrangement seminars

SEMINAR WORKSHOPS ON basic principles of landscaping and flower arrangement will be given by Bohemia professor Socrates E. Murillo.

The talk on basic and practical principles of Landscaping on June 21 and 22 will be on styles, choosing of materials, identification of plants appropriate for landscaping, techniques of propagation, hazards in the garden, design faults and save and maintenance. Hands-on will be grafting, transoming and size large trees/landscape.

On June 28 to 29, flower arrangement will include Ikebana, Western styles, free styles, flower shop operation, techniques of lengthening the vase life of cut flowers, sourcing of materials, buffet or party centerpieces, corsages, bridal bouquet and other wedding ensembles.

All workshops will be held 1-5 p.m. at Mert's Plant Shop, Ring Louie Gardens Center, Manila Seedling Bank, Quezon City.

For details, contact Mr. Murillo at tel. nos. 9304582, 9902502 and 4152470; mobile no. 0917-8221352, or e-mail mertsplants@yahoo.com.ph

Sunday LIFESTYLE Do-it-yourself D.I.Y.
Ate Anna Barrera and Marissa Lopa

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## *Artists, artisans, food lovers gather at Westgrove Weekend Market*

THE PICTURESQUE ANSA WESTgrove Heights was the recent venue for a different kind of festival for residents and guests. Ingenious crafts and sumptuous cuisines were showcased in the first Westgrove Weekend Market.

The event was organized by AMIGAE Inc., composed of Marilen Epiritu, Carmita Francisco, Charmine Mores, May-May Liechtenstein and Denise Blanco from Ayala Alabang. The group has become known for weekend market festivals in the south since 2005.

There festivals showcase Filipino arts, crafts, and food from different parts of the country to boost the weaving arts and native industry.

Carmita Francisco said about Ayala Westgrove Heights: "The setting was enchanting and we knew the residents would love a market event such as this."

Fourteen firms and homemade soaps, tie-

AMIGAE—composed of Charmine Mores, May-May Liechtenstein, Carmita Francisco, Marilen Epiritu, Denise Blanco

dyed bubbles, salt dishes, shampoo and lavender spiders were at Rosario Blanco's Art, Stamps and Crafts. Mina Pena had wooden animal crafts. Soap Factory had organic and biodegradable hand and body soap, detergents, developed by Sr. Joseph Sicat Jose.

Sabina's Books sold cookbooks; Beadit Blanco of Creative Kids had a crafty booth. Allen's Inspirics demonstrated the luxury-making process.

Femme Fleur Lady Mag Nature had her Magic Garden, showcasing plants and natural products. Terrines of Tagaytay had fruits and vegetables.

There were dishes from Cocina Mediterranea, Les Kilos's Recipes of Chicken Barbecue and Lamb Calderon. Yoyo's Grits (chicken seasoned with lemongrass, Beatrix Todoro's homemade chicken cocoa on sugar cones.

For details on Ayala Westgrove Heights, call 8481800, e-mail ask@westgroveheights.com, or log on to www.westgroveheights.com.

WESTGROVE Weekend Market offers fresh produce.

Celebrate Father's Day with this June at Sofitel Philippine Plaza with an overnight stay inclusive of Free Welcome Drinks at "Paradise for 2 persons, 20% Discount on Lolipe Treatments, 10% Discount on Aqua Golf & Parking Green Fees, Free Valet Parking PLUS a Special Gift from Sa Boutique.

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SOFITEL PHILIPPINE PLAZA

# Couple puts up center in honor of St. Pio of Pietrelcina

FIVE YEARS AFTER THE DEMISE of Padre Pio, who canonized by Pope John Paul II in Rome on June 16, 2002, a miracle happened last March 2. Fifteen his tomb was opened by an Archbishop from the Vatican. Padre Pio's body was found incorrupt. Today thousands of pilgrims are flocking to San Giovanni Rotondo in Italy to say "thank you" for prayers answered and to pray anew for help.

In the Philippines, businessmen Ramon Escobar Rodriguez and his wife Didi Gochoco Rodriguez continue to maintain the Philippine Center of St. Pio on their property on 166 E. Rodriguez Ave., Singalong, Quezon City. While the help of the center's board headed by Roland Gringgo, there now stands a big chapel designed like the one in San Giovanni Rotondo. The façade is shaped like the Cross.

It all began when Ramon Rodriguez experienced St. Padre Pio's miracle in 1979. At that time, Ramon was busily praying and had not gone to church for a long time. Even when he suffered high blood pressure of 240/130 that caused blindness in his right eye and blurred vision in his left, he didn't go down on his knees to ask for help.

A friend then gave him a novena to Padre Pio. He just put it on his desk at home. One evening, out of curiosity, he picked up the novena and wondered who Padre Pio was. Unconsciously he was reading the novena and wondered why he was able to read it. When he went to his ophthalmologist, Dr. Gerard, he was told that he was cured. He could already see clearly.

Right then and there, Ramon promised Padre Pio that he would pray his novena everyday and that he would transform Padre Pio for the rest of his life. Also, he decided to stop taking steroids to cure him of his high blood pressure. He gave it all up to Padre Pio without fail. He loved would take care of him. He prayed: "Take care of me, Padre Pio. Don't let me die, if I stop my medicines."

## Chapel

In 2003, Ramon and Didi put up the Philippine Center of Padre Pio. First, they used a space to their building and converted it into a chapel. When I visited again last May 24, I was stunned at how much the chapel has grown on a 2,000 sq.m. area that included a garden which is called Padre Pio's Garden. It was named after Fr. Ramon Pastor who came to Manila for the first time in 1960 to introduce the devotion to Padre Pio. The first couple he met were Ramon and Didi, friends of Bishop Jesus Varcon of Pangasinan.

The new chapel was officially blessed on Sept. 23, 2007, death anniversary of Padre Pio who died on Sept. 23, 1968. Ricardo Cardinal Vidal and eight priests concelebrated in the Mass. At least 2,000 people came, others still parties Padre Pio Villa Gloria at the quiet rural district of the center.

Schedule of Masses: Every Wednesday at 4:45 p.m. Prayerful Holy novenas and 8:15 p.m. Mass and Novena to Padre Pio; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 5 p.m. Mass; Sundays, 10 a.m. and 12, 15 Masses.

## Miracle from addiction

Ramon Jose Rodriguez, Jr., son of Didi and Ramon, was able to give up addiction from drugs through a successful rehab in Sara Beginnings and thorough prayers to Padre Pio and Didi. Jose through Didi's prayers to Venerable Bhd. Vidal, patron of alcoholics and addicts. Padre Pio serves as the chapel and brings the universal glow of Padre Pio to healing illnesses. He is married to Maica, daughter of Bonga and Bel Mallen, and have one daughter, 15-year-old Abel. In May 2007, RJ visited St. Padre Pio in San Giovanni Rotondo in a pilgrimage of Thanksgiving.

Special thanks to Tony Que and Mila Que, Fr. Rene Sarlos, OM; Edna Lomibao, production manager, Fr. Simonvido Bina, OM; Heidi Salamat, Fr. Hans de Silva, OM; Sr. Emilita Pacubas, IJC; Hilde D.R. Carvalho of Mabuhay Productions Inc., Basil Espanola and Grace Del Rio.

## Religious plays

Teresita G. Villaverde, theater writer-director of "Bulong Bosse" (St. John Bosco story), "Beloved Bosse—the Modern Ignatius del Basilio story" and "The Virgin of Fatima" (Our Lady of Rosemary's movie working on new plays after the successful staging of "Virgin of the Poor" in Calaocan, Silang, Cavite. A very interesting play coming up is "Lorenzo: The Martyrdom of San Lorenzo Ruiz."

Those interested to present his plays can call Villaverde at 0246484, or mobile number 0915-5920097.

## Golden wedding

The parents of Fr. Manuel Orante will mark their golden wedding anniversary in St. Michael Parish in Tuloza, Leyte on June 28, 9 a.m. Gaye and Fortunato will renew their vows before Sacred Bishop Filomeno Bacod. Fr. Orante has siblings and their spouses (newly wedding from Seattle and Washington) will be there: Olive and Lonie Bergancia, Eva, Olivia and Dr. Ernesto Mascarinas, Odilo and Fany Salem, Tony and Rubie Orante, Irma and Nathaniel Aca, Felix Glen and Rhoden Orante, Mario and Alma Orante and Portia and Alfredo Tia.

## Novitiate haus

The Eucharistic brothers of Mary (IHM) are holding a fundraising concert to build their novitiate house in Cainta, Rizal. Bandmaestro William Uy donated a cross hundred plus sq.m. lot. The concert scheduled on July 16 at the Camp Aguinaldo Tijeros Hall is open to public. Call Brother Orlando's parishioners, Our Lady of Fatima. The performances are Claire de la Parish, Michael Mark, Josh Santos, IHM priests and seminarians and other surprise numbers. Ticket costs P1,500. Interested who want to advertise in the souvenir program can call 9921-4000/just or e-mail boats_ren@yahoo.com

# Fatherhood: A Man's Ultimate *Rush*



Real fathers back their words up with actions, and thereby set the example for their families to follow. The truth of this cannot rest in the life and work of Mark Ellis, as it took in his life will show. Mark Ellis is no less than the Country Manager of Fitness First, a chain of upscale fitness centers in Metro Manila. And as both a leader of an organization such as his, Mark is also a triathlete — a serious competitor in the age-group division of his chosen sport. Mark is also a family man, husband to his wife Daisy, also a triathlete, and a committed father to two lovely daughters, to whom he works to inculcate the values of the active life and the love for family.

**The passionate professional.**

Mark puts great value on the things that truly matter, like his work: "The benefits of exercise on a scientific side have been proved," he says. "I define exercise as a feeling of well-being. It's from within, should I say, and not this outside image that people have. It's that rush you get from exercising." And beyond the inner rewards of active living, the parallels between life and sport are not lost on Mark. "Most people are quite competitive, our society makes us competitive in the things we do and certainly, sport is a great way to be competitive. Often in work, you're striving to achieve goals, targets, budgets. In sport or in exercise, you also strive to achieve a goal, achieve time, achieve a result. I believe that both in exercise and your work you've got to be continuously setting yourself goals."

And the results speak for themselves. "My triathlon experience has made me a better leader in work. It teaches discipline, it teaches you patience, it teaches you commitment, it teaches you focus; all those are key components that make a good leader or a good manager."

**The committed competitor.**

Going deeper into his attitude toward the sporting life, the natural winner in Mark emerges. "I am personally quite a competitive person. I like to win. My goal is to always get a podium finish for my races. When I go out to race, I'm really prepared, committed, driven to achieve that goal."

Speaking about what the most important lessons the triathlon has taught him, Mark expounds on a value all true fathers must have. "Probably the most important thing it's taught me is the word 'commitment.' When you commit to do it, it means other things like discipline, focus and priorities all come into play. It has taught me commitment to other areas of my life like marriage, my children and my job. It means starting something, and taking on the obstacles in front of you, but never losing sight of what you're working towards."

**The hill-on factor.**

When asked about what brings humble triathlete, give him a rush, Mark simply says with a smile, "Family is the absolute thrill for me. My work wouldn't be complete without them." These are among the "small wins" that truly matter the most to Mark, as he explains, "Small things often go unnoticed, or they seem unimportant, but they really do create the ultimate win. Just spending time with my kids for example, gives me a rush because I like to let them see that I enjoy being their father."

But of course, triathlon isn't all about intense competition. "I definitely don't take myself too seriously," Mark says. "We have fun, we meet some great people, triathlon has been great. For me, with my wife because it's something we do together. And I can talk about spending time with my family; we train together, so that's quality time for us." And, sharing a story about the time he and his whole family joined a charity event, Mark says, "We got the little girl in the stroller, she was two months old at the time, we had to weigh the dog along as well, and so the whole family was out doing a 5k run." Fatherhood, then, is clear to the heart of what Mark holds dear, as surely here he cherishes time with his children: "I want to be part of their lives. I want to be hands-on, I want to watch them grow up. I really want to encourage that time we spend together. There's not always enough time to spend together during the week because I'm working, so weekends for me is really a sacred time." A sacred time for the rush of fatherhood.



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**Be Fit to Achieve**

Some people are simply driven to succeed. They like to keep pressing on, going beyond their limits; they like to keep raising the bar on what they achieve. And to do this, they make sure they're fully fit for the challenge. Mark Ellis is a part of this powerful breed. A naturally competitive achiever, Mark makes sure he stays in tip-top shape to engage his passions: his work, triathlon, and most of all, his family. And it's no secret to him that success is the fruit of commitment, a positive mental attitude, and the tools that comes from being physically fit. That's why Mark drinks Rush Fitness Water.

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# A history of service

By Hon. Cesar E.A. Virata

UNKNOWN TO MANY, I AM ONE OF the descendants of the Cavite hero and the country's first president—Emilio Aguinaldo.

He is my grandmother, Baldomera Aguinaldo.

I remember meeting my grand-uncle when I was 5 years old. I was brought to him by my Lola Petrona, the widow of Lolo Baldomero, and my mother Leonor. That was in 1938 and my grand-uncle was already 67 at that time.

I remember the General (Emilio Aguinaldo) to be very soft-spoken and kind.

But being very young at that time, I did not get to talk much with him.

It was my Lola Petrona who would tell me stories about life during the revolution, and how my Lolo Emilio had a great part in leading the revolution.

## Living up to the Aguinaldo name

Emilio Aguinaldo is an inspiration. In 1898, he was elected President of the Republica ng Filipinas, the first republic in Asia. It's rare to have a 29-year-old to be the president of the country.

He had exceptional leadership qualities. At 17, Lolo Emilio was already serving as Cabeza de Barangay (Barangay Head) of Kawit, Cavite. In two years, he was elected as Kapitan Municipal de Cavite Viejo. At a very young age, he already knew how to deal with people, even those much older than him.

My Lolo Baldomero was very much part of the Revolution. He was President of the Magdalo Council of the Kalipunan and became the first Director of Finance in the Revolutionary Government, among other responsibilities.

Baldomero was the first Secretary of Finance of the Revolutionary Government. And, by chance, I also became Secretary then Minister of Finance during the Marcos Administration.

I was also destined to be a public servant. After graduation, I started teaching in 1953 in the country's premiere state university, UP and was professor and dean in the College of Business Administration from 1960-1963.

It was in 1967 when I joined the Presidential Economic Staff of PEC, or what is now known as the Presidential Management Staff or PMS, where I was designated Deputy Director General in charge of investments. Subsequently, I was appointed Undersecretary for the Board of Investments and then 3rd Chairman of the Board of Investments.

After two years at BOI, President Marcos told me that then Finance Secretary Eduardo Romualdez had recommended me to succeed him. So, for 10 years, I served as Secretary then Minister of Finance during the Marcos regime. I ended my stint in government when President Aquino took over in 1986. After that, I started my own consulting firm C. Virata and Associates. In 1995, I was invited by Ambassador Alfonso T. Yuchengco as Chairman of Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation during his tour of duty in Japan.

## Generations of public servants

We have other members of the Aguinaldo clan who have made a name in government. Supreme Court Justice Amsterdina A.M. Herrera, granddaughter of General Emilio Aguinaldo, joined the judiciary.

Aside from bringing in more revenues for the local government, SM has brought about much convenience for the Caviteños

HON. CESAR Virata and SM's Henry Sy Sr. during SM's 28th anniversary kick-off party at the SMX Convention Center

THE FORMER prime minister with his wife, theater actress Jay Virata, enjoying a weekend in Sibuyi, Cavite with grandchildren Ivan Valera and Ysenne

THE AGUINALDOS have a duty to serve. Kawit Mayor Reynaldo "Tik" Aguinaldo, Cesar Virata and Rep. Joseph Emilio Aguinaldo Abaya

THE COUPLE mids the palm-lined aisle

ROBERTO-BONDOC NUPTIALS

# Match made in Inquirer heaven

Text by Ronnina C. Burgos
Photos by Jim Quiao Pascual

Mr. and Mrs. Roberto Bondoc and Belle Bondoc

ROBERTO "BEO" ROBERTO and Ms. Rosebelle "Belle" Bondoc put a lot of faith in destiny. But it has played a role in getting them together, as each seven years before finally united them.

Their lives initially intersected during their elementary days at St. Mary's Academy in Mountaintown, Bataan, where they both reside. Beo and Belle were schoolmates until high school. Beo was a classmate of Belle's younger sister, Ninotsa.

Belle ignored Beo then because "he was a nerd na pajanit." A fondness's pet who helped church the examination papers of students and enacted the books of his interests. Beo was a "maimaring estudyante na medyo nerd din," recalls Belle.

After high school, Belle took up AB Mass Communication in Centro Escolar University, while Beo finished BS Computer Science in San Sebastian College.

## Shared passion

Their paths crossed again in 2000 when they were already working at the Philippine Daily Inquirer—Belle as an editorial assistant in the Lifestyle section, and Beo as a staff of Technical Photo Services.

"Ayan ngay lang kasi nga ako ng classmate ko dati," Beo recalls.

Realizing that they shared a passion for dining out, watching movies and the Toad Side A, Beo mustered the courage to invite Belle to a Side A concert at Tuberkulo in Makati, Manila.

Feverish moment on. Beo even recuperates. "Simple ng panonoy at medyo ang panonoy sa akin" is how Beo describes Belle. What interested Belle in turn is "Ito lo kabaitan and pagiging matatawanin. Hindi nagagalit. Alam mo na siya, interested ka pa rin."

More importantly, they belong to close-knit families who are devout Catholics. Belle is the eldest in a brood of three girls. Beo has a younger brother.

Beo Roberto and Belle Bondoc tie the knot after seven years of romance in and out of the workplace

BEGINNING of the stories

WITH the couple's parents, Roberto and Noelia Bondoc, and Rodolfo and Aurora Roberto

WITH the secondary sponsors, flower girls, ring bearer and Bible-bearer

Beo broadcast the idea of marriage to Belle last year. While strolling along Sun Miguel by the Bay in Mall of Asia where they celebrated their sixth anniversary in February 2007, Beo popped the question.

"It started as a casual question to see of mediator—'Pakasal na kaya tayo,'" recalls Beo.

Hearing such simple words didn't come as a surprise to Belle. "On the day he proposed, Beo was extra-romantic, so I was feeling expectant."

After a few weeks, Beo had an engagement diamond ring made for Belle. In store, Inquirer, is an heirloom from his grandmother.

## Red-letter day

Beo and Belle were married more than a year later, on June 7, 2008, at Basilica de San Sebastian in Manila.

The groomsmen were Michael Angelo Dedo and Michael Paul Loyola. The bridesmaids were Ms. Rowena Bondoc and Liezl Papa. Junior bridesmaids were Avriel Marie Morales and Camille Anne Rodriguez.

Secondary sponsors included Alma Bea Bondoc and Samantha Dominique Dimaculangan (candle); Phoena Wong and Beverly Faye Alfaro (veil); Jayson Mateo and Rainie Ann Acosta (cord).

The flower girls were Althea Dominique Morales and Abbygail Gonzalez; ring bearer was Tristan Jhon Rodriguez; Bible bearer, Russell Reinaldo.

Principal sponsors were Leticia Jimenez Magnaye, Gabriel Serafocio Jr., Reynaldo Bondoc, Rosalina Wong, Dr. Renato Bondoc, Dr. Monica Ingrid Belen Reginio, Atty. Alejandro Ana Bondoc, Dave Pineda, Racquel Golda, Antonio Cinco-Jaime, Elvira Villasis-Antonio, Rosalina Bondoc-Ramos, Catalino Manuel Jr. and Constancia Bondoc-Catalino.

Reception was held at the church's Jubilee Mission Hall. Catering was done by Eli & P while the snacks were provided by French bakes. The wedding cake was created by Madam Bakeshop.

The couple's wedding coordinators were Baby Jones and Bride's Choice while Three Point Photography did the photo and video coverage. Their florist was Glen Alejandro of Tomato's.

The newlyweds first honeymooned in Subic. This week, they are going to Boracay. Beo's wedding gift to Belle, Belle, on the other hand, plans to buy Beo an Adidas AI shoes with snakeskin. Their business: Excellent food-served ribbing aside, with Belle and Beo all the food on their new life as husband and wife.

AT THE ALTAR of Basilica de San Sebastian

## Milestones

We welcome announcements of weddings and engagements. Submit names of engaged couple, names of parents, date and place of wedding, and your designer along with a photo of the couple and a sketch of the bridal gown, if any, to the Inquirer, PO. Box 2353 Makati Central Post Office 1265 Makati City. E-mail to lifestyle@inquirer.com.ph. A photo of the bride and groom is required if the wedding has already taken place. Announcements will be printed depending on space availability and are sent to the senders.

REYES-GRANADOR

Sheryle Magbitang Reyes will wed Bernadette Esguerra Granador today at Immaculate Conception Parish Church, Santa Maria, Bulacan.

DATUIN-TULIAU

Shirlene Datuin, son of Mr. and Mr. Anacleto Datuin, will tie the knot with Sherry Tuliau, daughter of Dr. Ida Ok. and Mr. Ronpac Tuliau, on June 21 at the Cebu-Asia Community Enrichment Church. Reception will follow at Mad's Restaurant on 10th Avenue, Cubacon City. The ceremony will be officiated by Rev. Owen Lyons.

ARCE-GONZALES

Dominic Arce will wed Carlo Ignacio today at Richmond Road, Ortigas, Pasig City. Reception will follow at the same venue. Eric Pineda designed the bride's gown in champagne-hued silk taffeta. The bodice features a scoop neckline embellished with rose-tailed pattern of ecru and gold cocoa beads, pailettes and Swarovski crystals. The pattern is repeated on the tailored sleeves.

## SPECIAL WEDDING ISSUE

Bring on the romantic notes as Southern Living, the lifestyle guide of more south, presents its special wedding issue. Gracing the cover is the lovely Orla Laurel, who talks about her marriage with childhood best friend Ace Simkoven. Her gorgeous Japanese-inspired gown was designed by Raja Laurel. Bachelor Simkoven also shares the romantic route. Bataan's Wedding and Bataan's entire wedding gift-giving team, while expert's dish out the do's and don'ts of wedding fashion. Learn from Photos Weddings editor in chief Ronnina Burgos.

Don't miss your wedding flowers. For comments, subscriptions and event announcements, e-mail lifestyle@inq.ph.

# A history of service

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She is now Chancellor of the Philippine Judicial Academy. Of recent, my nephew Cong. Joseph Emilio "Jun" Aguinaldo Abaya is seated as the representative of the first District of Cavite.

Graduating from the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland US, Jun was a Naval officer before accepting an offer to become Cory Aquino's aide-de-camp during her last consecutive terms last year.

The Senator's hometown of Rosario also saw a generation of Aguinaldos serving the local government. People have seen the great things Emilio Aguinaldo has done for Cavite and the entire country. And they expect the same goodness from his descendants.

The lasting goodwill behind the name definitely helps to clinch a victory in the elections. Also of recent, my nephew Reynaldo "Tai" Aguinaldo is the incumbent municipal mayor since 2001. Before this, he also served as vice mayor for nine years. The current vice mayor is Emilio Aguinaldo IV.

HOPE. Cesar thinks during his stint in government

## Vanguard of progress

Although my family now resides in Ortigas, Pasig City, I still frequent Cavite. We would spend weekends and holidays in one of my children's house in Silang.

It makes me happy to see how Cavite has developed over the years. I have witnesses of the fact that the SM Group has a lot of investments in Cavite. They have three malls, in Bacoor, Dasmariñas, and Molino. In addition, they have expanded and improved the Tagaytay Highlands.

Henry Sy joined Manila Jaycees at the same time I did—sometime in 1958. I remember Manila Jaycees hold some meetings in his hotel restaurant in Quiapo. I think that was his first venture in hotel, but perhaps it was not that successful, as it eventually became a department store.

As far as I know, Henry Sy used to travel to search for new designs and improved manufacture methods for his shoe products. He flew to Italy and US, then brought back fresh design ideas which were presented to the Marikina Shoe makers.

I remember Henry Sy saying that he wanted to build big malls—because a big mall with complete facilities would attract people. I was Minister of Finance when Henry Sy bought from EDSA the Ilustre EDSA, Quezon City lot where the first mall now stands.

Malls depend greatly on population size. Cavite has become populated as an offshoot of its industrialization. In the 2001 Census, Cavite province had become to be the No. 1 in population. Marikina is serving all of Cavite's need for power. PLDT and other telecom companies are also in Cavite. Former Governor Remulla put in place policies for industrial peace within the economic zones. Cavite has indeed become a good setting for malls. And that is why SM has its three malls at Bacoor, Dasmariñas, and Molino in Cavite at present.

Aside from bringing in more investors for the local government, the SMs brought about much convenience for the Caviteños. They go to the malls for their needs as well as for dining and entertainment. SM is where families would spend quality time together.

Personally, I go to SM malls for art events, or whenever I need something. Since we live close to Pretoria, it became convenient for us to eat there on Sundays. I would also watch movies with my grandchildren at the IMAX theater at the Mall of Asia.

It is a different story with my wife. She loves to shop at SM for our appliance needs, for gifts, among other items. In fact, my wife was more fan-ne of SM's first attempts in its store in Avenida, Rizal.

I am still very much committed to devoting myself to bringing progress to my province.

I head Cavite's Historical Society. I also chair the Coastal Road Corporation, which currently handles the project extending the Coastal Road which will be the key to the decongestion of traffic in Cavite.

Cavite will always be a big part of my life the way my Lolo Emilio had made an indelible mark in our family, the entire province and our country.

WITH wife Joy at SM's 20th anniversary party at the SMX

## GOINGS ON

### *Exhibit on lomography*

BONIFACIO GLOBAL CITY (BGC) HAS played host to different creative expressions and various artistic pursuits during the Passion Fest '09—the city's annual summer festival. One such passion is lomography—a roving name style in photography which is totally fun and can get wacky sometimes, and was on display in an exhibit called "Lomovisions."

The Lomovisions exhibit of vibrant and colorful pictures, from the tantalizingly morning to the quirky and happy, created a wonderful panorama of what life in Fort Bonifacio Global City is like. The exhibit, part of Passion Fest '09, runs until today at Bonifacio High Street (now 30).

### International rice toppings

Chef Reggie Aquino and teacher new cooking schedules starting this week.

June 10—Tuesday (11 a.m.)—Recipes for Instant Entertaining—Kani Roll Sandwich: Ham Crepes, Korean Barbecue Salad, Chicken Salad Wraps, Shrimp Salad Roll, Unagi Roll Sandwich, Tuna Tartar Roll, Salmon Pinwheel

June 11—Wednesday—All new (...Whole Grilled Rib-Eye Steak Tagalog Style with Caramelized Onions, Garlic Rice, Fried Portobellos and Eggplant Tempura, Delicious Peppered Steak with Wasabi-Mashed Potatoes and Flavored Corn on the Cob, Bone Scented Beef Steak Oriental Style & Chinese Style Beef Steak Served with Diced Mushroom Fried Rice

The Gourmet Success Series—Gourmet Cooking Lessons for Household Cooks and Beginners will once again be offered in July due to numerous requests.

Call 8286096, 8373008 or 8809-8888 Ct. and look for Annie or Myleen.

### Maya Kitchen classes

Maya Kitchen is conducting Fundamentals of Bakery June 17-21. (Coffee 120, June 21, Wednesday at 9am, June 21 Call Maya Kitchen at 892-1155 or 892-5081 local 108, Tuesdays to Saturdays. E-mail: contactus@mayakitchen.com.

# 'My dad has an incredible sense of humor'

By Camille Villar
Contributor

AS THE ONLY DAUGHTER, I often get asked if I get to spend some time with my father, Nacionalista Party chair and Senate president Manny Villar.

> Senate president Manny Villar's daughter says her dad is her best mentor

I grant my wooing my father surrounded by different people—from prospective home buyers during his early days as a businessman to local constituents and fellow legislators as a public servant. This may think that it's a constant struggle for me to get a shot in my father's busy schedule.

On the contrary. Despite his seemingly endless meetings, my father never fails to spend time with me and our family. He is truly a family man.

Before starting his day, he makes it a point to have breakfast with us. Together with my mom, Rep. Cynthia Villar, who is also a workaholic like my dad, and my two brothers Paolo and Mark, we talk about anything under the sun, from heavy stuff like the ukay-ukay price of oil to the newest movie like the latest show biz chismis.

My dad always finds time to call just to see how our day is going. And when a meeting is canceled, he would call to ask if I'm free for lunch or coffee. This is the reason why I've developed an unbreakable bond with my dad. He is always there when I need him, no matter how busy he is.

### Misconception

Another misconception about my father is that he is a very serious, no-nonsense kind of guy, someone who does not have a funny bone in his body.

Truth be told, my dad has an incredible sense of humor. This shows in our bonding sessions. He's also a very thoughtful person. When I was still studying in Ateneo, he would make time to pick me up.

Come Valentine's Day and other special occasions, he always has flowers not just for me and my mom, but for all of his female staff.

My dad is my best mentor. He teaches me and my brothers by example. He reminds us to be hardworking, compassionate, grounded and most important, God fearing. My dad was born and raised in poverty, hence he stresses the importance of "ningas cogon" to the achievement of our goals.

Lastly, my dad puts a premium on family. For him, family is the only constant thing in life. To him it all say, my father is the best dad in the world. He has definitely shaped me into what I am now. Thank you, dad!

# Bond with Dad on his special day

FATHER'S DAY DADILICIAN FEAST WITH the family at Tagaytay's Discovery Country Suites. An overnight package for Dad just like at Restaurant Verbena's wine and cheese barbecue-by-cocktail hour. Treat him to chef Sayid Pardo de Ayala's five-course lunch menu.

As a special offer, all fathers dining at Restaurant Verbena and Discovery Suites Golden Center's (2) Prime and Restaurant 5 will have a chance to win golf clinics from Coaltime & Evelyn, Blogger Magazine, Cr Magazine, Cabling Magazine, Balance Lifestyle & Fitness Club, Tee Line and Sales. Call (845) 41-0456/7 | (02) 6830830 or e-mail dsuites@discoverycove.com.ph.

### Freebies from 4 resto

Gabaldo's Restaurant gives Papa a complimentary glass of wine just for dinning in any Gabaldo's Restaurant. 'Till Friday's will also be giving away car shades with every order of any of its steaks.

Pork & Co. salutes the greatest captain ship by giving away an exclusive Fish & Co. money clip holder for every order of Tatlong Tasa Jacks to giving out its Original Hash Brown Burger absolutely free to every dad who dines today.

### For sports lovers

This June, Krispy Kreme rallies Sports Lovers, doughnuts specially made for dads. As families honor the head of their households, Krispy Kreme invites them to indulge on a doughnut and coffee celebration with their wide array of doughnuts and beverages. The lineup includes football doughnuts filled with rich and creamy custard; Baseball doughnuts with delightful strawberry filling; Tennis Ball doughnut with a zesty lemony filling; and Basketball Doughnut filled with the special Krispy Kreme caramel.

Krispy Kreme has branches in Bonifacio High Street, SM Megamall, Greenhills Shopping Center, Circle Drive-thru store in Ayala, Trinoma Mall, Robinsons Galleria.

### Only he deserves

Sir Father's Day Legend Villas proffers Cream of Asparagus Soup, Grilled Pork Cutlets with Demi-Glace Sauce, Chicken Cacciatore and Legend Spaghetti. These recipes are available at Cuba Manila Coffee Shop and Restaurant for the whole month of June.

Avail of a Superior Room with the whole family which entitles you to indulge Dad with relaxing body massage. Upgrading to Villa Suite De Luxe is another great option with 20-percent discount on all massage services. The Legend Villas is at #1 Pioneer cor. Edsa corner Shaw Blvd., Mandaluyong City. Call (02) 910-04-04.

### Dream vacation

On Father's Day, Dad's ticket to a dream vacation drive in a Mercedes Benz is a keen cinch at Crossing Plaza California Manila's Tavern Corners. Join Dr. or at Holiday Inn Galleria Manila's Pub. It's Dad's turn to be the King—give him the chance to win the experience of traveling in timeless elegance with the Mercedes Benz E Class and two nights' stay in a one-bedroom Studio Suite at Holiday Inn Clark. Dad can enjoy his luxurious ride with transfers, aerobus fares, Lanzones and a bottle of Moët at Chandon champagne.

Fathers checked in and dining at the sea lots will be offered free handpicking on June 13-15. As for those who are checked in at the suites and Club Rooms during father's Day they will be treated to a gift from I, Small Ports and a 20-percent discount rates they avail of a limousine service from Evergreen transport.

Call Crowne Plaza Galleria Manila at 6351222 and dedicate Inn Galleria Manila at 6337111.

### 'Xtreme' food trip

Take Dad to "Xtreme" Father's Day food trip at 30 trendy Spots in QMM at the Diablo Bay Freeport Zone's central business district. The outfit's bestsellers include the 22-inch, 16-slice pizza called Big Bad, gourmet burger item is Delight, vegetarian pizza, Hell's lava melt, vegetarian lasagna, fish filled in leather sauce, fish shreds a, spicy "Thai-tivity" pizza, ice cream, sandwiches.

Call 847-2525681 (Subic) or 025-4000014 (Clark) or 0920-98 0339.

### Free US prime rib

On June 15, The Swiss Inn honors all fathers with a treat. The whole family can enjoy 30th US Prime Rib Roast Evening, which is free with a buffet of appetizers, Angus fried rice and potato wedges. Plus, fathers get 50 grams of the US prime rib for free! The offer is available for lunch and dinner at all three branches of Old Swiss Inn.

The Old Swiss Inn has branches at The Garden Plaza Hotel & Suites, 1606 Roxas Dr., Pasay, Manila (521-5002, 5242170, 5233483 loc. 115), Somerset Olympia, Makati Avenue cor. Sto. Tomas St., Makati City (8180767, 8180068, 8123191 loc 311 to 313) and BMW Autoworld in Lounge, Commerce Avenue cor. Madrigal Avenue, Ayala Alabang (8502200).

### World's finest steak

What better place to treat the most special man in your life but at the House of Wagyu. Located at the G/L of the Podium in Bridges, the restaurant imports only the best Wagyu meat that meets 600% quality grade to ensure local diners the finest Kobe-style steak available.

At the House of Wagyu, you get to pick from a trio of densely marbled beef cuts before it is cooked tenderloin, porterhouse, rib eye or ciphers cut into eye with cooked fit for dining vice. Call 6353666.

### Mini gym for Dad

Surprise Dad by setting up his own mini gym right in the comfort of home for a few bucks. Chris Sports offers the following equipment and exercise kits prices. Introduce him to the P90X Multi-Grip Chin Up bar. For dads who are seriously considering strength training and muscle building regimen, the Bowflex Select-Tech dumbbell set is the right equipment for them. Chris Sports has outlets in Glorietta 3, SM Megamall, Festival Mall and SM North Edsa. Call 8106104 and 8184136.

### Gift gizmos

Abenson offers the following gift ideas for Dad: Dell XPS 630i is for the die-hard up in the computer battle. The LG Home Theater HT 202's is perfect for dads of all ages who value excellent sound quality. For the dad who's always on the go, Nokia N95-8 suits to make communication with more exciting frills as easy as 1-2-3. Hobbyist or not, any father would want to have the Canon Ixus IS Camera 65-4802 in his able to experience its unique features that makes photography smooth and easy. For the father who loves to sit back and keep his eye on the latest news, Samsung LCD TV 32A630 is perfect. With Sony DCR-DVD91 Hybrid digital video camera, dad can now have the choice of recording high quality video of important events in the family or at work to DVD or memory stick.

### Grooming set

Give Dad a time limited edition grooming set by Mary Kay. The gift set includes a MKMen Face Bar, a MKMen Microbalance Sunscreen SPF 15 and a bottle of Velocity for Men Cologne. Call 8586271.

### Give him a car

While there are a lot of interesting gifts and enticing activities, nothing compares to the keys of a brand new car. And with PNBank's Auto Loan, you're sure to get the best Father's Day gift ever, fast as 24 hours. With the PNBank Auto Loan, you can have a decision on your auto loan application in a day or less. What's more, PNBank Auto Loans clients can enjoy low interest rates based on the prevailing risk and flexible payment terms, between 12 and 60 months. It only takes PNBank a few hours to process your auto loan application from submission of complete documents. Plus, you do not need to call the bank to follow up on your application. A short message service (SMS) will automatically update you on your application.

Apply online via PNBank Remote Banking at www.pnbank.com.ph. Or fax the application form to PNBank Auto Loans Division at (632) 8400868, 8400848, and 8868329.

### Royal treatment

As tribute to fathers for the month of June, Intistar Sarina offers a free Dermafill treatment for every one month body slimming course enrolled. Dermafill is a non-surgical facelift procedure that was developed to help diminish the signs of aging also through lifting and collagen renewal. Dermafill uses natural, therapeutic energy to uniformly treat the dermis while cooling and protecting the epidermis. The remarkable effect is collagen contraction, with the long-term outcome of stimulating new collagen production. More collagen means more elastic and youthful looking skin so you look five years younger in 15 minutes. The device pass the head and energy of radio waves, which pass through the skin and build collagen. As the process, some sagging is lifted and some wrinkles are removed. It is totally safe and has no danger of burning compared to laser procedures. On top of that, they offer all year round services such as rejuvenating facials, skin resurfacing, body treatments and wellness services plus cosmetic infusion services.

Intistar Sarina, Inc. is at 23 Jupiter St., Makati City. Tel. no. 8200899.

MKMen Moisturizer SunscreenSPF 15 and Face Bar

SONY DCR-DVD610 hybrid digital video camera from Abenson

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## People's org disputes Cinemalaya entry

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

A PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATION, Sadik Hebreun Bubid Inc., has filed a letter of complaint against Tara Illenberger's "Branas," an entry in this year's Cinemalaya Philippine Independent Film Festival and Competition.

The letter was sent to the Cultural Center of the Philippines, one of the digital film festival's proponents, along with the Cinemalaya Foundation, UP Film Institute and Eyeball Investments, Inc.

The letter was also addressed to officers of the Cinemalaya Foundation and the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA).

The letter expressed concern that the digital film was "shot on ancestral lands and featured the name and practices [of indigenous people] without securing the necessary permits."

The letter stressed that the film "not be shown here or abroad ... that it should be confiscated and the scenes [shot on ancestral lands and depicting traditional practices] should be erased."

According to a synopsis provided by Cinemalaya, "Branas" tells the story of

KNOWLES and John, right, same really close

## Most powerful celeb: Oprah

NEW YORK—TALK SHOW HOST OPRAH Winfrey is the world's most powerful celebrity for the second straight year and for the fifth time ever, according to the 2008 Forbes Celebrity 100 Power List released on Wednesday.

The annual list also included two couples among its top 10.

Actress Angelina Jolie came in at No. 3 and her partner Brad Pitt nabbed No. 10, while music mogul newlyweds, Beyonce Knowles and Jay-Z, were fourth and seventh.

Golfer Tiger Woods remained No. 2 and soccer player David Beckham was No. 5, while actor Johnny Depp took ninth. Music group The Police nabbed No. 8 after reuniting for a successful world tour and British author J.K. Rowling was No. 9 after the release of the seventh and final Harry Potter book.

"It's not surprising that Oprah Winfrey and Tiger Woods remain at the top this year—they're certainly some of the biggest

JOHNNY Depp placed sixth in the 2008 Forbes Celebrity 100 Power List, while Beyonce ranked fourth.

## Most powerful celeb...

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runners," said Matthew Miller of Forbes magazine.

The rankings give the most weight to earnings over the past year but also factors in such things as internet mentions, press clippings, magazine covers and interviews on TV and radio.

During the past year Winfrey made $275 million, Yabuda, $125 million, Knowles $90 million, Jackson $50 million, Depp $72 million, Jay-Z $82 million, and The Police $115 million.

### Powerful couple

While Jolie's earnings of $14 million and Pitt's salary of $20 million pale in comparison, the popularity of the couple, who have four children and turns on the sexy, and their constant presence in magazines saw their power soar.

"Brad [Pitt] made a couple of millions dollars more the probably would have been close to topping the list because the number of magazine cover that she was on, the number of stories she was mentioned in, he remained anyone else on the list," Miller said.

And it was Beckham's move to Los Angeles with former Spice Girl wife Victoria and their three sons in a blaze of publicity that helped propel him into the top 10 for the first time.

In contrast, Bowling earned $300 million in the past 12 months, more than Winfrey, but is a reluctant celebrity.

The 2008 top 100 is made up of 28 film actors, 20 athletes, 10 musicians, 10 talk show hosts, 10 TV actors, five "newsy" stars, five directors/producers, five celebrity personalities, four athletes, four hip-hop impresarios, four chefs and three models.

The "newsy" category, a marketing term that usually refers to an audience ages 9 to 32, is new, Forbes said, with "Pharaoh Hussana" star Miley Cyrus making her debut in the top 100 at No. 35 "following a sold-out concert tour, a hit 3-D movie, and a concurrent real phone chop that had the press buzzing." Among those dropping from the list are Tom Hanks, Jessica Alba, Hayden Panettiere, Adam Sandler and Scarlett Johansson, The Rolling Stones, Elton John and Jessica Simpson.

The full list can be seen at www.forbes.com/celebrities.

Reuters

# Uh-oh moments in Oprah's usually 'a-ha' career

AFTER MORE THAN 20 ACCLAIMED years on the TV screen, the iconic Oprah Winfrey is expected to be announcing a dip in her multimedia fortunes. Her long-running TV show's viewership is down, and her "O" magazine isn't being patronized by as many readers as before.

Having been an Oprah fan for a long time, I am naturally saddened by these reports...particularly since Oprah's editor has transcended her usual function as a TV person and has even impinged on many people's own look on life. So, what happened—and why?

Informed speculation abound. One view has it that this is the natural flow of things in the biz. No matter how good you are, you can't stay on top forever. And, hey, 20-plus years of topnotch work are nothing to sneeze at!

Now that she's already in her 50s...and a billionaire mini-media entrepreneur, to boot...Oprah has to "face the music" and "read the handwriting on the wall," some observers say.

The television audience is generally youthful, so it isn't easy for a middle-aged talent to be able to "connect" with this youngest demographic. Conversely, two same-young viewers find it hard to empathize with an older woman.

### Political endorsement

That's the expected view to see dig deeper into the "problem," however, not let my unexpected complication. Some people believe that Oprah's current career slump is due to the fact that she now has power public with her support for Democratic presidential aspirant Barack Obama over Hillary Clinton. Huh?

**VIEWFINDER**

Nestor U. Torre

What does this have to do with the price of tea in Tennessee?

Well, the political pundits argue, Oprah's endorsement of Obama's bid has turned off some of her show's white female viewers, who think that women, due to their greater number, "deserve" an earlier crack at the US presidency than the black minority.

Being both female and black, Oprah clearly has a big dilemma to mediate in terms of her endorsement choices, and she opted to support a black candidate—obviously, because she felt that giving blacks a political boost was a more urgent option than doing the same thing for women. Some viewers disagree with her choice, hence their reduced enthusiasm for her show and magazine.

What now? Oprah has opted to abide by her decision to support Obama instead of Clinton, so she'll have to take whatever flak she's getting for that.

Meanwhile, what about her media career's future prospects? Years ago, Oprah had already intimated that she didn't intend to be an eternal TV talent "forever," and that she aimed to ease herself out of the picture in good time.

What would she do after that? Well, she's already laid the groundwork for an alternative career in theater and film production. Oprah Winfrey still has a lot of good things to do for her millions of "beneficiaries," that's for sure. The bottom line is, you can't keep a good, comic woman down—for long!

### On HGM Channel

Watch out for these viewing treats on the HGM Channel:

June 20 at 9 p.m., "Titanic," directed by Brad Anavon. In this screwball comedy farcing a roaring '20s flapper inhabits the body of a hardworking '90s secretary...and stars a partying opera star turn San Francisco on its ear! Glenn Close, Mandy Patinkin and Beth Gordon star.

June 30 at 9 p.m., "Seven Hall." This is...more like directed by Woody Allen is no Oscar winner but Diane Keaton and Mia Farrow in the New York who tells for a quirky Midwestern girl (Diane Keaton), and they become on an again, off again romance.

### "The Incredible Hulk"

Later this month, boost yourself for a new action-packed "The Incredible Hulk" blockbuster. In this new beginning, scientist Bruce Banner (Edward Norton) desperately hunts for a cure to the gamma radiation that has poisoned his cells—and reinstalls the mild-mannered scientist with the...The Hulk. His arch-nemesis here are Gen. Thunderbolt Ross (William Hurt) and a mysterious new adversary known as The Abomination. (Tim Ruffo).

### At Starmall cinemas

Watch the Deception or Dan fight live via satellite from Manchuria Bay, Las Vegas at all Starmall cinemas on June 28. Call 724-4995.

## People's org disputes Cinemalaya entry

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"Ivan Mangyan kids Mend Op Ilegal'ing, gets to transport wood from the mountains of Mindoro."

In a series of interviews, Bobbie Tan, chair of Cinemalaya's production and monitoring committee, reiterated that the filmmaker secured the necessary permits from tribal leaders—specifically, from the Hanunuo and Buhid tribes—prior to the shoot.

Tan also showed documents that said that the production had "two Mangyan in the art department, as well as Mangyan consultants for the production (staging), wearing and writing [segment]."

### Talks ongoing

Tan provided Inquirer Entertainment with copies of documents signed by Barangay Captain Mandy Ramirez of the Buhid Tribe and Barangay Captain Gugno Egot of the Hanunuo tribe, giving the production permission to shoot in their areas.

As press time, talks between the filmmaker and a representative of the community are ongoing.

Tan said he hopes the matter will be settled amicably before this year's Cinemalaya film fest opens on July 11.

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# Tough love from Dream Headmaster

Mr. C talks about Idol, PDA and Man

INQUIRER EXCLUSIVE

By Raquel San Diego Jr.

MAESTRO JOHN CAMPBELL is the new Headmaster of ABS-CBN's reality talent search "Pinoy Dream Academy."

As the time of their mid-interviews, Mr. C said, the other Dream Masters (filmmaker Joey Reyes, voice teacher Ebeth Medina and singer-musician Monet Silva) have just finished listening to 32 semi-finalists. Yesterday, only 14 of these were to enter the Big Brother house/academy.

In these semi-finals (accomplished as we speak), Mr. C did not make his own task, his old job (main judge on ABC 5's "Philippine Idol"), and GMA 7's pint-sized coach of "Philippine Idol" winner Gino Marcelo.

**How do you rate your role as Headmaster? Will you be stern or supportive, cheerleader or tormentor?**

I will be all of the above. But I have to strike a good balance, the way I do in real life (as opposed to reel TV). I was preparing a joint session with the scholars—just like on my old show "Ryan, Ryan Musikahan"—for one of the episodes. It dawn is anything I've learned from my last work (in the corporate world) it is management. It's like to see how I can blend that with being a Headmaster.

**What are your hopes for, and expectations of, the students?**

Same is pretty. I hope they pound into their heads that our everyone can become a superstar or a diva or a top-three act. The earlier they accept that there is no shortcut to success, the better they will take their training to heart, and the better performers they will become. In short, I hope their heads are on top of their shoulders and their hearts are in the right place. It's easy to make it to the top by winning, but to stay there is more challenging; it is death. How to transcend "death at the top" is an altogether new journey. It is a reality show. I hope they are real enough to realize that.

**How did your experiences on "Philippine Idol" prepare you for your new job?**

Music coaching is second nature to me. I like to teach. Not cramming with teaching in the university. I put up my own school with Tommy (Mrs. C). I've been judging singing contests for a long time. I've been discovering and training new talents for decades. All those life experiences dovetailed (nicely) with my seven-year "Idol," and to serve as PDA. Being a judge on "Idol" is different from being Headmaster on PDA, though. Whereas I critique performers on "Idol" and thereby consciously stand a distance away to be objective, PDA affords me access to the scholars, to do hands-on training, (excited as me, to put it mildly), to test speak.

**How do you feel about GMA 7's move to unleash Gino Marcelo as the first Philippine Idol?**

Max Surot is the first Philippine Idol, in 21st century reality TV parlance, and no one can rewrite history. The winner of GMA 7's production franchise will be called the first Pinoy Idol. And no one can rewrite that, either. Unless they change the title of their show. Kidding aside, what's in a name? Or more explicitly, what's in a title?

**Are you ready for the ups and downs of the competition?**

To borrow a friend's line recently: Pakialala na nga ako (I'm all dressed up). So, just so glad that I don't have to live inside the academy that one Monica has to. Teacher Monet: That will be an interesting note in the academy. Are I ready for the ups and downs? And sideways, too? Sir, yes, sir!

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# Austin Powers now love guru

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believe and all of the things that he introduced me to, when he said, 'You should pay attention to this. You will love this for the rest of your life.' And I have loved these things."

He insisted, "I just want to say again that 'The Love Guru' is my way of honoring my dad by dealing with his loss, and 'Austin Powers' was my way of honoring him by dealing with his gift."

**Inspired characters**

Asked how many more movies inspired by his father are in the works, Mike quipped, "I have about 20 characters that are circling the airport and I want for them to land. All of them are in some ways informed by my father."

He revealed how a "silly" man like him is friends with authors of books dealing with spirituality and enlightenment. "When my father died, Deepak Chopra's books were sources of great philosophy. Deepak is to philosophy as Carl Sagan is to physics. We also read Kurt Vonnegut all my life. His writings influenced me on the part of absurdity of everything. His stuff is thought with point and satire. I also married reading Jerry Zaks. I thought that 'The Best of the Soul' was a very beautiful book.

"One time I said that I was reading Deepak Chopra's latest book. I got a call from a friend of a friend of a friend who said Deepak is curious 'why you are reading his book.' Because a lot of people are shocked—all I do is every silly stuff. That's who I am. So I met Deepak at one of his lectures. He has been a friend ever since and a tremendous source of inspiration.

"With Gary Zukav, I mentioned that I was reading his books. In a Rolling Stone interview I got a call from somebody who said, 'Would you like to meet Gary Zukav?' I was like, yeah. We met at a mutual friend's daughter's. I thought, I'm going to meet this very spiritual person in one of those big red leather chairs. So I sit there eating my big steak and talking big, philosophical questions."

**Seeking answers**

He chuckled, "When my father died, I began seeking for answers. But I want to say that in my seeking, there was no artistic quality to it. There were no romantic overtones." But before, it or not, that's how Austin Powers and the Love Guru appear on he. "I read a lot about these philosophies. When my friends asked for advice, I would dispense advice based on what I had read, and I enjoyed reading about wandering wise. My friends told me, 'Go that wise again.' That's how my discoveries were born."

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On this Father's Day, please allow me to go on about his blessings. I have many blessings to thank God for but the ones that I am most grateful for, in addition to the love of Janet, are our two daughters.

I'm a very lucky man to be blessed with Nikki, 19, and Ella, 17, who are loving and responsible. And they have made the stage parents in Janet and me very proud.

Last month, Ella won the Best Animation Award in the film festival for LA area high school students. She finished on the unbeaten processor of big matinee for seven straight hours on the eve of the festival's deadline.

You can't imagine my excitement when someone from the festival left a voice mail on my phone and said that Ella's entry inside it from over a hundred submissions as one of the semi-finalists will be honored. Earlier she had the honor of showing this film along with the creators of her classmates in an animation class at the Red Cat Theater of the Walt Disney Concert Hall.

As the festival, her every was chosen at the Alex Theatre. When her name was called for the top animation prize, I thought shoot the right when Ella was introduced to Movie. Spielberg, "I like to be a filmmaker like you," she told the director.

Before Nikki graduated with the highest honors from high school last year, she, Ella and Janet spent a much-deserved spring break in the Philippines. While they were in Boracay, Nikki's college acceptance letters, some with scholarship offers, started coming. She got accepted to all the 10 plus colleges she applied to.

Nikki opted to go to a top university in the US where she is now a sophomore. The thoughts of these girls keeps me going. Oh, and always, the passion of Janet whom the girls love to tease as the world's greatest stage mother.

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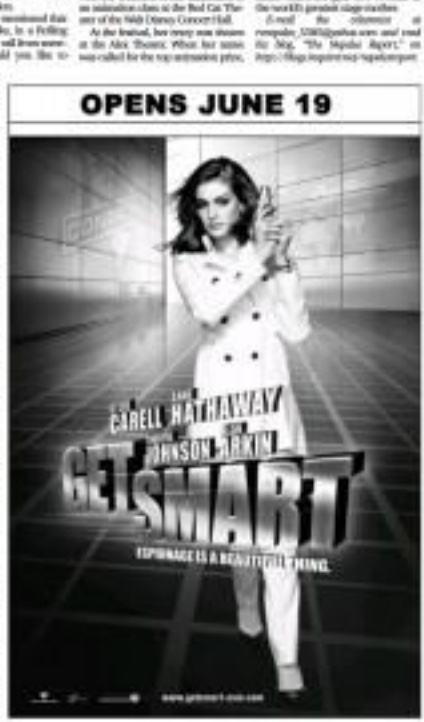


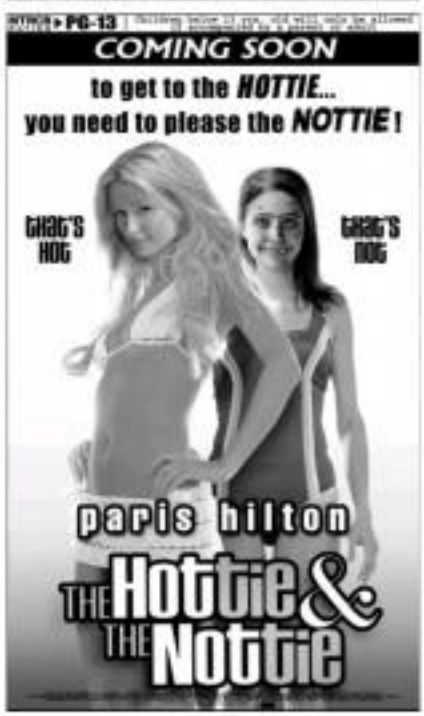

# Austin Powers now Love Guru

LOS ANGELES—MIKE MYERS will be the first to say that he brings "silly" characters to the screen, like Austin Powers and now the Love Guru, so he surprises reporters when he speaks wistfully and tenderly about his late father, Eric Myers. You can sense how much he misses his dad, a former British army cook who emigrated from the Borders' Liverpool to Canada. Eric, who instilled in his famous son a love for those "silly British comedies," died in 1993.

**ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD**

*Aubrey V. Nepomuceno*

"Everything I do is inspired by my father," said Mike when we interviewed him for "The Love Guru," which also stars Jessica Alba and Justin Timberlake. "He was a very silly Liverpudlian. He spoke like the Beatles. If any dad were to write an song, it would be titled 'Is Praise of Silliness.' That piece would like the line between philosophy, spirituality, entertainment and all those things. I learned from him that nothing is as plentiful in life that is adequately cast for laughed at. Once you get to that state, that is a state of grace. My father said to me, 'Son, you're a comic actor, "who's done our work. Now, let's go have some fun.' Those are magical words to me.

"When he died, I sort go terribly deep but I went on a little spiritual quest and Austin Powers came out of it. I wanted to honor all of the British comedies he loved. He made me stay up late on school nights to watch them. It's British comedy came on Buffalo TV at 11 p.m., even though I was asleep, he would wake me up. He would say, 'Now you've got to watch this. It's British and it's funny.' He go, 'Wow, that's so awesome.' So Austin Powers' and 'The Love Guru' are in honor him and the Beatles, Peter

Just On 4C

"EVERYTHING I do is inspired by my father," said Mike Myers in being tribute to his late dad, Eric Myers. "When he died, I sort go terribly deep but I went on a little spiritual quest and Austin Powers came out of it. I wanted to honor all of the British comedies that he loved."

A FATHER'S blessings: Ella (left) and Nikki Maguire at the latter's high school graduation

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## "I still practice in front of the mirror - I am precision engineered."

"It doesn't show on camera, but I still feel nervous whenever I do my hosting jobs. That's why I still practice everyday. I listen to myself talk, I look at my mannerisms, I even practice the way I walk. I am my worst critic and my best motivator. I will continue to do these things to perfect my craft so that hosting becomes second nature to me."

Blessed by choice and dreamer by profession. That's how Paolo Antonio Bediones, 34, describes himself. Stress and demanding careers to make a good combination for him as he manages to keep himself looking fresh every time he faces the camera. Whether it's his meticulous ways or his desire to succeed that keeps him going, Paolo's career is definitely on track.

For twelve years, he has been using his vision, intelligence, and good moves to host programs on Philippine television. He has hosted almost every kind of TV program there is: talk shows, showbiz magazine shows, quiz shows, reality shows, beauty pageants – name it.

Paolo is undoubtedly having the steps of his TV hosting role model, the late Eddie Mercado. Like his idol, Paolo never ceases to look for ways to improve his craft. This penchant for precision has led to him three awards, including Best Showbiz Talk Show Host for 5 Flies, Best Reality Competition Program Host for Extra Challenge, and Best Travel Show Host for Pinoy Meets World. It is no surprise that his achievements and wholesome image have earned him the nod of several corporate sponsors, including Clear Men of endorse.

His Clear Men endorsement has him proudly proclaiming that he is a man of precision, and his confirms that the idea is straight as an arrow. "I have to be meticulous especially in the way I would look physically because it's a sign of respect for the audience. I must look decent when I face them. I am particularly conscious of my hair," Paolo says.

It does sound a little too much to be awarding about one's hair, especially for somebody like Paolo who is also active in outdoor sports where the hair gets messed up all the time. Something Paolo makes it look practical and logical even when he takes on rough hosting jobs like what he did in the reality show Extra Challenge. It would be even tougher when he goes out of touch for 39 days as he hosts the Philippine version of global reality TV phenomenon, Survivor.

"Believe it or not, my hair still has to have that pantropiat style even when I'm hosting on an outdoor setting. Even this rough, disheveled look should be sculpted because you don't want to come out looking like you just got out of bed. It won't look pleasant on the screen," Paolo explains. "The hair is your crowning glory. Only you know how it should be parted and things like that. You're the one who's going to wear it. So even if other people make different suggestions on how you should style your hair, only you should decide how you will carry it."

Not too many people know that Paolo even likes to experiment with his hair. Back for a beauty pageant, she for corporate affairs, rough for reality shows. There was even a time when he had a shoulder-length hair. Imagine that.

Needless to say, he has to keep his hair healthy, strong, and dandruff-free to maintain his self-groomed look on screen. This is why Clear Men fits him perfectly. Precision-engineered for men's scalp, Clear Men contains Zinc Wamol as its active ingredient responsible for cleansing the scalp of excess oils and bacteria that cause dandruff. It's mild enough not to cause hair fall and dryness even with daily use – something that can be advantageous for Paolo's active and stressful lifestyle.

Even a typical TV host like Paolo would suffer certain minutes before, during, and in between hosting jobs. He would scream at the top of his lungs two minutes before he goes on stage to work himself up. He jumps up and down to get his adrenaline going. He uses his diaphragm, not his throat, to project a clear voice while hosting. Regularly, he makes sure he gets enough sleep and takes 20-minute naps within the day. Overall, he makes sure he keeps a healthy lifestyle, which includes proper diet, clean living, and self-discipline.

"I am meticulous with my hosting because I am passionate about show business. I guess I can say that I am fit to be called a Clear Man because I know what I want in life. I know when I have to make decisions when needed, and make them with integrity. And when I act on a decision, I give it my 100 percent. That's as clear as one can get as a man. I'm proud to be a man of precision because it got me to where I am now," Paolo concludes. Spoken like a true precision-engineered TV host.

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A VIDEO grab of the controversial commercial

## When Judy Ann and electricity fail to mix

By Karina Stuart-Santiago
Contributor

MUCH MAY BE SAID ABOUT the present controversy that Judy Ann Santos is embroiled in, appearing as she has as the voice of Meralco, to spread what the electric company insists are just "facts" about their services.

At any other time, we might shrug this off as just another commercial with another celebrity, but this happens in the midst of Senate hearings on runaway power rates. It also happens at a time when things don't look all rosy and peachy between Judy Ann and her "mother studio," ABS-CBN, a company also owned by the Lopezes, who own Meralco. The network earlier decided to give its Star Cinema movie, "When Love Begins," the same playdate as the actress' indie movie "Phoning."

Judy Ann's appearance in the Meralco advertisements first came across to us as a cunning hoax, a signal specifically to the writer, as a scholar of her life and work, that she was begging the Lopezes for reliefs as it bridges the night how bothered by their refusal to support her film as production effort.

It also proved our theory that Judy Ann has become that one star who has redefined the

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## ROUNDUP

### Seven short films

ONGOING UNTIL JUNE 17 AT the Robinsons Galleria Indie Sine are the screening of the following short films under the "Cinema Obscura" program:

"Ang Kapalaran ni Virgin Maria" by Dyl Sayaman stars Val Sotto and Forsyth Cordero as gay lovers who experience the most joyful of surprises.

"Bumbilanchi" by Richard Legaspi stars Kim Stolz and Sol Jennings in a story about an ambulance driver's belief that a dying patient can be saved by running over a toy animals on the streets.

"Manyika" by John Wong stars Ian Ocampo and Shoesly Ibe Gomez in a tale of talking watches, an impatient man and a misunderstood lover.

"Pawang" by Anna Isabelle Marcelino stars Elvis Andrino, Ramon Bautista, Nina Reyes and Lorena Lindocho in a look into a family on the verge of falling apart in the face of impending death.

"Dear Letter" by Grace Ocbian stars Gumball Nicolas and Edel del Llano on a tale about a young man's journey into the world of writing.

"Lahaka" by Sayanna Barros Sanchez stars Serissi Icot, Nicole Tolentino and Stephen Patrick Moreno in a tale of two women who fall in love with the same soldier.

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### Piracy seminar

The Motion Picture Anti-Film Piracy Council will hold a one-day seminar on Video piracy on June 17, 10 p.m., at the Kalayaan Hall 5 of Club Filipino in Greenhills Commercial Center, San Juan City.

Video piracy is the system of selling films being shown in cinema houses through camera recording, using gadgets from the simple cell phone to more sophisticated equipment.

### 'Bayanihan' campaign

ABS-CBN celebrates its 55th year with its advocacy program, "Bayanihan," which will be launched today on the mezzanine store ASAP.

Conceptualized by the ABS-CBN Foundation Inc. to help poor families and communities, "Bayanihan" kicked off with a feeding program in Barotac, Iloilo.

Donations to beneficiaries may be entered through the ABS-CBN Foundation's Banco de Oro account: Ilustrado Name: BDO Mother Ignacia, Account Name: ABS-CBN Foundation, Inc., Account Number: 5630001113 (a/c 0334494).

### Sharon sings OPM

Tonight, Sharon Cuneta sings old OPM songs with comedians Dakawang and Ryan and hit makers Jed Madela, Yeng Constantino and Brother Eraserheads.

"Sharon," airs on ABS-CBN after "Gulo Bulilit."

### Dinosaurs experiment

Tonight on Discovery Channel, leading fossil experts in Australia's unique hands-on serial manufacturing organisms to learn more about extinct dinosaurs in "The Prey-Winged Dinosaur" tonight at 9. Encore telecasts are on Monday at 12 midnight, 8 a.m. and 2 p.m., Saturday at 10 p.m., Sunday at 5 a.m. and the following Monday at 9 p.m.

### 'Shaking Linggo'

"Shaking Linggo" by Anna Isabelle Marcelino stars Jaycee Joaquin and Joey Santos in a story about a young man who ski's alone to coach every Sunday morning and suddenly finds himself falling in love with a stranger.

### Diet secrets

Fitness guru Jane Fonda has revealed in more than her being an actress. Her personal love and successes have become synonymous to various products for working fitness she became chief, discussing every minor she became diets, vacations, infused (since she achieved "ideal" somewhere). Her "credibility" in these endorsements has been premised on her as a person who has actually over the odds, even if it's just excess poundage.

### Perspective

In this context, the power company set to no different. It banks on her credibility as a person, someone who empathizes the downside of her product's endorsement and, of late, the media she decides to spend her time and money on. The second of the commercial's two workers over-employs of the power perspective. Judy Ann says in her spiel about blender's innocence in doing power changes. "Nagiging bato ko. Ito ngayon—ito ay hindi na Mahawong." This practically states the principles that Judy Ann is just evidence reading scripts.

What has Judy Ann done wrong by speaking for Meralco? She has, after all, told something everything.

Simply said, it is the fact that the truth she tells in the body overstated of horrible any of the truths she declines in his other endorsements. In selling vinegar or genius rain, feminine wash and shampoo, laundry detergents and plastic wrap, bars and diet pills, one can expand belief and say yes, those products may have worked for her, if not necessarily for others.

In selling the promise that Meralco has done no wrong in its economics, that it only follows the law and has to bear dismissal loss causing rewards after charges through the years, there is little room for suspension of disbelief, no possibility of this being true for her to say or the rest of the population to anyone pays the same electric bill.

Maybe Judy Ann should rethink this campaign because she is, in fact, trying to sway public opinion about a highly-contested political matter, by using her credibility as an ordinary citizen who's supposedly seeing the truth in her electric bill.

Truth is, she is no ordinary person, not in Meralco's "product" that's easy to sell at this point, which is why they saved Judy Ann to begin with. In reality, there is no reason to use high electric bills than just Eastern Lou and other charges. What the power company says through Judy Ann may be true, but what it subliminally asserts—that it has done consumers no wrong—is, essentially, aggravating the public.

With Judy Ann Santos putting herself out there for final drain, we need not wonder about its effect on her main audience, the very people she can be suffering the most for the electricity they consume to watch her TV shows.

### Small sacrifice

Since a television scene to be a lot to ask at this crucial point (unless they're ready to leave her out that is ABS-CBN), this is the very least, maybe Judy Ann should confess to knowing too little about the issue, or to being unaware of the other truths that she already doesn't allow to surface.

That could prove to be a really small sacrifice, in order to keep her devoted fans.

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## *When Judy Ann...*

# At last, a riveting joyride with Markus Highway

By Katrina Stuart Santiago
Contributor

MARKUS MOORE'S SILENCE HAS GIVEN him legendary status—at least as far as Brunei boards fans are concerned.

After the breakup, while other members of the band remained visible, lead guitarist Adren disappeared. Adren went on to release a cassette tape entitled "Kuwentong Buto" (became available only to the fan who knew where to find it).

Lifting him from faithless, rewarding with only a guitar, and speaking of his own found love for surfing and Sagada, it was clear why Adren had yet to come out with a mainstream solo album. "Kuwentong Buto" unplugged, non-commercial, not sound wasn't easy to sell. Not that his new album, released by major label Universal Music Philippines, is all that different. Curiously titled "Behold: Injinoz Sunfirmando Is Here Now!" and credited to his new identity with a newfound band, Markus Highway, Adren's music remains close to novelty.

But it's really more folk rock, and maintains a constant chair's dressing, given the full band that backs him up. With barely any press announcements, no TV appearances save for a video on MTV and Myx, and no major airplay from brands, it seems like "Twelve" stands" to name that also functions as an alter-ego) has already sown up an all of us. But maybe the lack of hype about Adren's marketing is precisely the point.

"Surfermando" gets into your head the way that only folk songs do—even as it straddles the novelty and rock genres. It's a full album that could get you on LSS mode. (That's Last Song Syndrome, or what young people today refer to a song that you can't shake off your brains.)

Which says a lot about the creativity Adren has poured into it. Thankfully, he's no Lito Cruz, whose type of novelty and folk music expression and mostly playtime lyrics, plus a classic routine school.

Instead, Adren tones us to songs that sound easy to learn, but with lyrics that are the Filipino language in a beautiful and engaging manner, even relieve the subjects seem superficial. But in the songs about true soul travel—two topics that seem to haunt the whole album equally—Adren expresses a kind of "precious soul" he connects.

Listen to him be emotive a number in "Sagot": "Sagot ingat ingat, hindinang marahil/Sa mapagkawang pag-ibig/Ang pakpak ibiang ibigin ay iyo/Ikaw ring pasan-pasan ay iyong mo..." Or how he vocalizes an old flame in "Weekend Warrior Blues": "Pag masabihi'ng mga seong sendali /Sy aking pagkiusa o aking sinisi/Kay tahan ng bumpuso bly mga sinu-sa pag-iisi mulin..."

The album's opening "Lola," is an ode to songwriting: "Dumaan ng dangang singit at sulok ng lawas/Kumin ang gitara't kalansay nang hukom/Sumagang sa himohin ang hiwag kilig..."

Which is not to say that "Surfermando" is too serious for ourselves. On the contrary, there's so much fun embedded in the songs. Embracing the warmth and joy that folk songs bring, hearing anyone with more than basic mark'n' will injected, this album is a treat for Pinoy music fans.

### Letting go, letting be

It's also amazing to discover it as a radical—or statement to personal soul creation—how tuned and joyrides allow letting go and letting be, going beyond comfort zones and walking the path—any path—that leads us to know more about ourselves and our land.

Bill's songs that talk about the right time being were "(Clad Rain Forest," "Silver Balabaan," "Bicolito" and "Sirius This"). "Surfermando" makes us want to get out, go somewhere, anywhere interesting in the country.

Bill's no need to conform to the sound of typical Pinoy rock bands, and no pretensions about his capabilities as singer, alongside a talented band of songwriting and guitar playing, Markus Highway allows for Adren's talents to continue. Because we don't need to see more of him on TV or radio, as much as he deserves to hear his music—and his love for country—heard. That is what may ultimately keep Adren, his alter egos, and the highways he has traversed, legend.

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### True Faith's 'Dream Journal'

True Faith is out with a double-disc retrospective album, "Dreams Journal (The Very Best of True Faith 1992-2007).

It contains the band's greatest hits such as "Forever," "Hawag Sa Lang Kaya," "Abala," "Sadsad," "Kung Di Rin Lang Ikaw," "Hahi Ikaw" and "Ghost Pain/Sa Buwan."

The band, currently working on a new album, is set to perform tonight, 7 p.m. at the Arena Club Quay in Singapore.

### Rico Blanco's new single

Rico Blanco is back with new music.

The former Eraserheads frontman, who left his band earlier on as a bassist for a year has a single, "Wapiti," released exclusively by Warner Music Philippines on MP3 format not available for purchase as a digital download for mobile phones.

The single is part of Blanco's debut solo album, set for a mid-July release.

### Song about text messaging

The Nine-Layabout Singers (NLS) are also promoting a single, "Inhaustak," off the group's self-titled debut album (Sony BMG).

Composed by Mr. L, the song weaves a story that involves text messaging and the young.

Catch NLS perform the single, along with other album tracks, on June 23, 4 p.m. at Robinsons Galleria.

### 10 songs for the environment

"Kapa-Kapa Ako: Tagbay ng Kalikasan" is a CD featuring 10 songs written by young environmentalists and recorded by Ana Feguerra, Bayang Barrios, Cellistbreak Island, Cindy Chua, Dapo-apo Ti Baliuag ki Bandilyon (DBB), Dicom Idlot, Lady Irigh, Lolita Carbon, Soul Cabangcayan and The Jocks.

Produced by CEC:Phils, an NGO promoting environmental advocacy, the album was the result of a songwriting workshop last year facilitated by singer-songwriter Ryan Bongalos, formerly Cabangcay's band mate in Bulilit. It was launched recently at "Ok Bistro.

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### Hannalan's 'Diskarte'

"Diskarte" is the new album by singer-songwriter Hannalan.

Formerly the frontman of the third-tiered group Blah and solo debut solo CD "Halo-Halo" is now considered a cult classic, Hannalan wrote, arranged, produced and performed the 10 songs in "Diskarte" with help from members of his new backup band.

The album, which also features a remake of "Gandang Kapas" from the Blah album "Lasang" and "Friend" from "Halo-Halo," was launched with a live performance recently in Blue Oyster in Eastwood City.


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RUDY "Daboy" Fernandez's funeral procession, left, at the Heritage Park in Taguig City on Thursday

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## Notes from a fond farewell

By the Entertainment Staff

HE USED TO THINK his now late father's biggest failure, said Mark Anthony Fernandez, in his eulogy on his dad, action star Rudy Fernandez, was when Rudy, who's been in drug rehab several times, said "Daboy" himself said the opposite.

RUSHES SUNDAY

Black, Rudy's son with Alma Moreno, in a three-hour program on Wednesday night at the Heritage Memorial Park and Crematorium in Taguig City. "He was my inspiration ... my idol."

Other [illegible] goodbyes

[illegible] Lorna Tolentino, Rudy's wife; Jaime Fernandez, Lorna Tolentino, Rudy's wife; [illegible] Bong Revilla.

Bong said Rudy joined the very few [illegible] Kuya Kaogat Paraluman to receive [illegible] Rudy [illegible]

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though. SBA has something in common with Vhi more.

After TH's parents separated, SBA was among the many girls linked to TH's playboy dad.

In feisty gatherings, of course, SBA acts as if nothing happened between her and TH's dad. SBA can give seminars on the art of dead-eye.

### Hunky make-up artist

A witness was shocked to overhear her Dream Papa utter words that are less than dreamy.

Thinking that he was just surrounded by friends in the dressing room, DP joked with a colleague: "If you want, I can remark your makeup."

### Two-week fling

Legal Wife was going through her husband's papers when she intercepted several steamy love letters from him, addressed to Sexy Celine.

Turned out, SCE had a two-week affair with bubbly, acid-tact spy. DS suffered in silence. Never more they met in public, however. DS gave SCE the cold treatment. Arrre cold, our uncle said, shivering.

### Judai-Mega in Europe

Seems there's a concerted campaign to discredit Judy Ann Santos because of her Metro-TV ad.

An anonymous source claims that, contrary to Judai's best message to brother Jeffrey that "showcased" her the country she and beau Ryan Agoncillo having a ball in Europe.

Judai's camp refuses to re to this scuttlebutt. Rather Bernal, however, that Judai Ryan met up with friend Sh Gomez in London.

The couple's pleasant mee with Hugo didn't push the for the three got to talk ... chat about the much-hail engagement ring?

### Marsa Morator's choices

Anaesthetic Roma invited friends her choices for an Ri Gutierrez's leading lady: real and real life: to order of ... own—KC Concepcion and Evangelista to a close fight ... up also and Rhian Ramos ... up. Incidentally, Rhian play ... young Annabelle in "My M ... dens."

### Preggy-hood perks

NEW YORK—Angelina ... says being pregnant has its p

"It's great for the sex life," sh ... Entertainment Weekly magaz ... jaw makers jets a lot more ea ... be you have fun, and as a ... you're just so round and full."

Jolie, who's expecting twin ... said the babies are due in A ... like and partner Brad Pitt ... four children: Maddox, 6; P ...

KIM Cattrall is being given the MBC Universal Canada Award of Distinction during an awards at the Banff World Television award ceremony.

HERE Whitmore, Asia global ambassador, participates in a traditional Japanese tea ceremony in Tokyo as part of events to launch the LIGHTS women's empowerment brandex.

KATHERINE Heigl will not be showing her maternity style at this year's Emmy ceremony. She says she did not receive a nomination because "Grey's Anatomy" failed to deliver the goods for an award-worthy performance.

TOM Hanks' make-up is adjusted by a crew member as he takes part in the shooting of the movie "Angels and Demons" early this week in Piazza del Pantheon, in Rome. The film directed by Ron Howard is inspired by Dan Brown's bestseller of the same title, and is the prequel to "The Da Vinci Code," another bestseller.

**ANNABELLE** Rama's television as leading lady on and off screen, for son Richard Gutierrez (from far L): Heart Evangelista, Bidar Herrera, KC Concepcion.

Juliann, 3, and Hubert, 2.

When asked how she and Pilo plan to handle six young children, the 33-year-old actress says: "His mom and dad are on standby ... and fortunately we can hire help if we need it."

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### Face-off with Jen

LOS ANGELES—Sporting of Ms Jolie, she and Brad's ex-wife Jennifer Aniston will go head-to-head at theaters Dec. 24, when both have a movie coming out.

Jolie stars in Clint Eastwood's missing-child drama "Changeling" while Aniston is part of the ensemble cast in the romantic comedy "He's Just Not That Into You."

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### Top of the tabloids

The top three hot stories in local tabloids this week. (And why we are moved, if we are moved.)

### Values education

• Sumusuot ang nakakarilitan ng kapapanganak ng aguil si Marian Rivera! (Ayaw ko.)

• Lani Mae, nilapat ng isa kay Jericho! (Good luck.)

• Sino malapit nang tulayan kay Ate Jodi, Inspirasyon ni Thailand? (Of course, shopaholic!)

• Dame on ang 9 na taong pamumuhuk ni Sandara. (Ano kaya naman ang pasubok'in, please.)

**PAUL** Newman, stricken with cancer, says he's taking "steady" thank you.

• Cesar Montano, kay hirahirap (Dahil ito ang panahon nating NPR eke lako ibat-ibang dessert!)

### Science and health

• Asawahin Buena, dinggo!

• **Muriel Rodriguez**, nanunuso na ang sa cabang nagpa-abort ng[ani (Bawal, bawal nanuso.)

### Social graces

• Jericho Rosales, ginawang "pa-birthday" kay Pinky Bebbi (How, when and where?)

• Kaginto, hihingi ng wedding ring kay Dyan Alvarado?

### Anatomy lessons

• Nicole at Rudy Mae Quinto, pinagtawanan si Rico J. Puno! (Ano siyang?)

• Cameron at Angel Locsin, the lesbians at UP! (The blasé.)

• Aleksandra de Bond, nagtitinda nawa Pedo Pamuall (Zam...)

• Shaneis Wilks at Kathleen Hollik, nagmamasasahe! (Tinotheboy ang dalot n'yan.)

• Gerald, rinulatan sa balkon nila si Ana Capri! (Is this new?)

• Danish Gatchalian, di pa nirerelase ang bahkon nila ni Arlene Lloyd Enad? (Di pa!)

• Arlene Lloyd, nagpapasexy na?(Para ba sasama bata ng swap hair?)

### Disboy in peace

• GL, pinahuge ang makeup at gym ng Pinbak ni Disboy! (Gandagan, como to drink of it.)

• Sharon Cuneta, di nanunood sa Europe dahil kay Disboy! (Di na man sino nada ang Europe dito.)

• Disboy, hihilahin ang pan sino jinggoy formula, Bong Revilla or Philip Salvador? (Di ikot nilyo?)

• Aling-aling daw kay Disboy, Annabelle Rama, Lolit Solis, Bong Revilla or Lani Mercado, bet nya? (Sandra, Sandra) Email us: sunlive@inquirer.com.ph

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SEN. Rene Servitu, grief-stricken at the funeral on Thursday.

DABOY Eismon's family Phillip Salvador, right, and brother Bibbo make Time Out Ko.

## *Notes from a fond farewell*

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to serve one last sala."

• Daggy Tanwell said Baby was the keeper of his secrets, "especially secrets that I could not tell my wife." Then he addressed Sheng and **Phillip Salvador**: "Sori mga pare, dalhanin kasi ako ni Angel."

He added one thing of Baby: "Ibig mo sabihin alalahanin. Ibig sabihin sa nature, sa simple lang, 'wag n gumi."

• The most spontaneous computing, of course, came from CF "Pebs, I love you so much ... wait for me ... 'til we meet again."

At the funeral the next day, the guys were, understandably, less given to jesting. We have here some snaps from Thursday.

### Erap statement

From our e-mail, this statement by former President **Joseph Estrada**, Erdoy's personal idol: "He was not only a fellow actor but a true friend of the family, especially my son Jinggoy." Estrada said it was fitting that Sr. would be buried on Independence Day because, "as his family friends and fans, he was a hero."

### Front act

Closeted flash: has the bold of evening girls who will gladly act as facet to hide his escapades of the third kind.

Conspiracy theorists, brace yourselves. Baron's idle chatter that CFO supposed love child is not his, but a sibling's. He's only protecting to be a dad to Bobbie Eik months' image. Now that's a Happy Father's Day thought.

### Something in common

Actor/Parliamentarian seems as if she's doing this to Young Actor/Director all. Hey're related—by affinity. SBA is married to ex-in-law of Oh mom.

Unknown to the public, MORE »

"Till we meet again, Baby." (*From left*) Sen. Revilla and Ralph march hand in hand during the funeral procession.

**ERAP.** Estrada's "idol," seen as a "great icon in the industry."

**PARIS.** Anthony, wife Phelicia, and daughter Dahlia and Cayetano

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